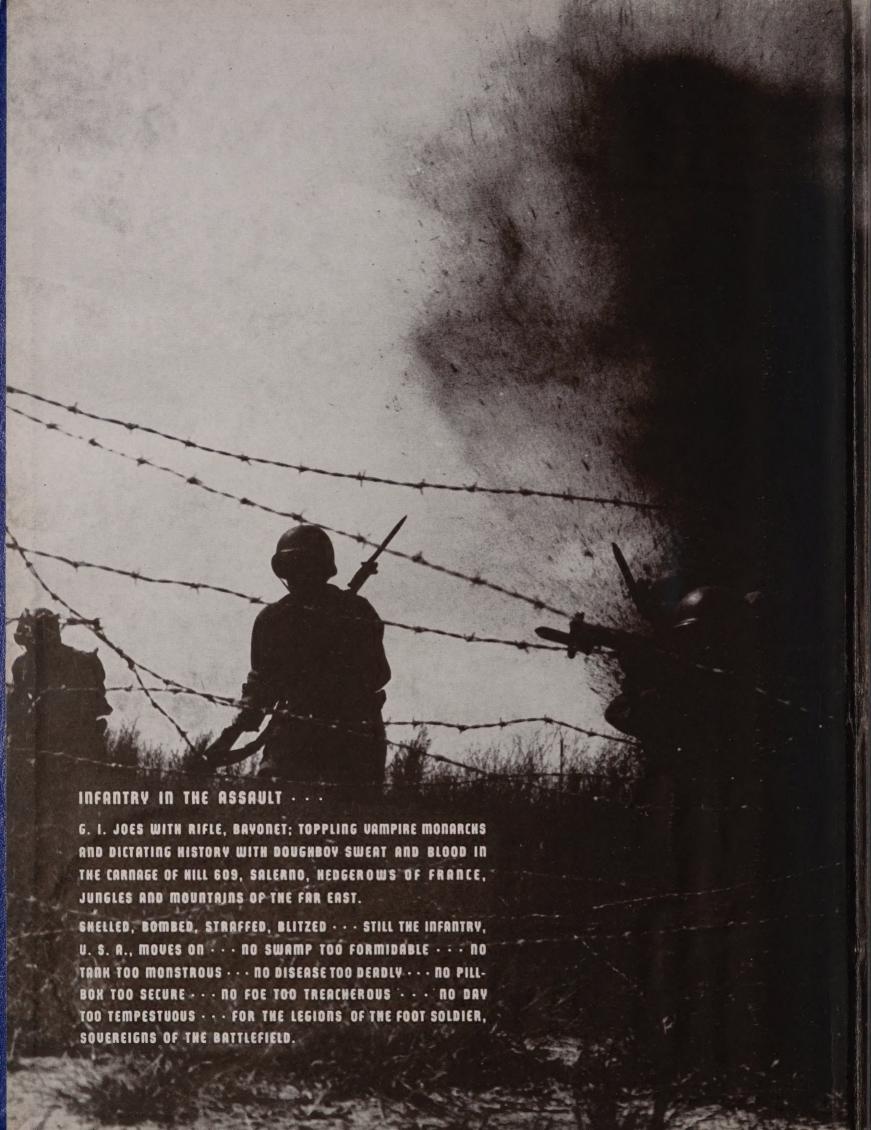
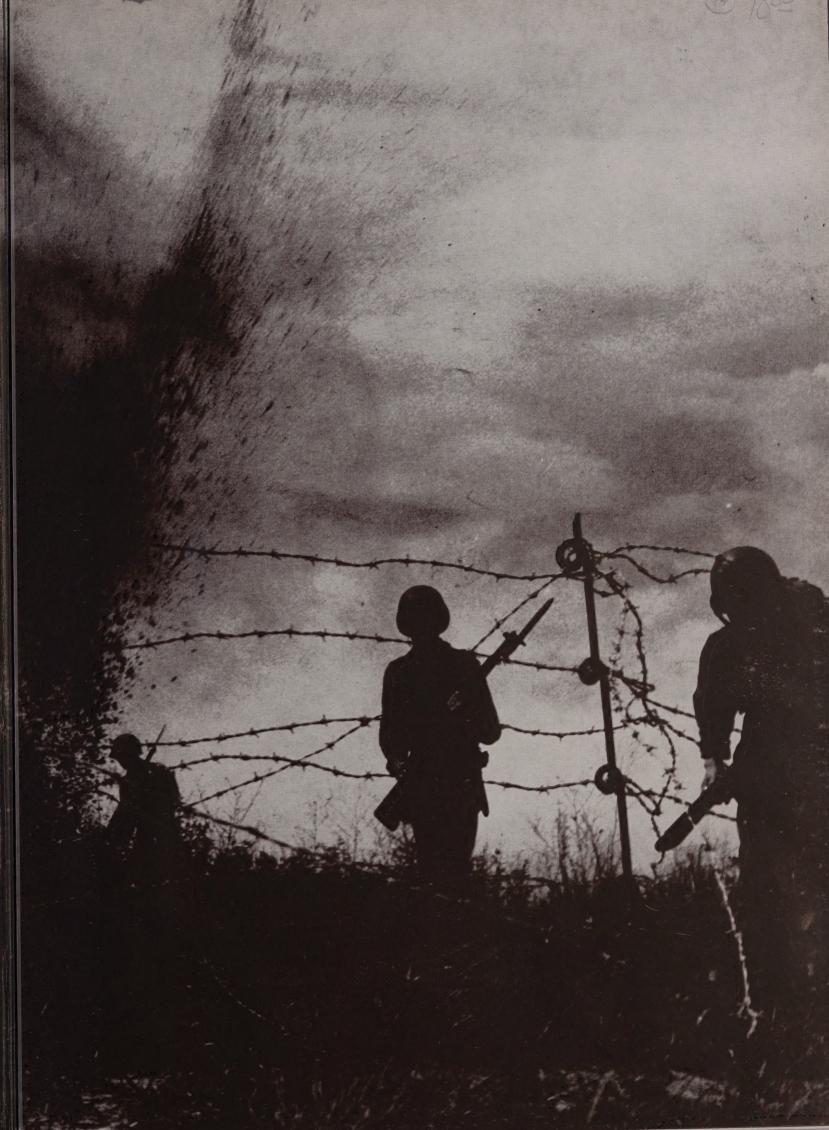
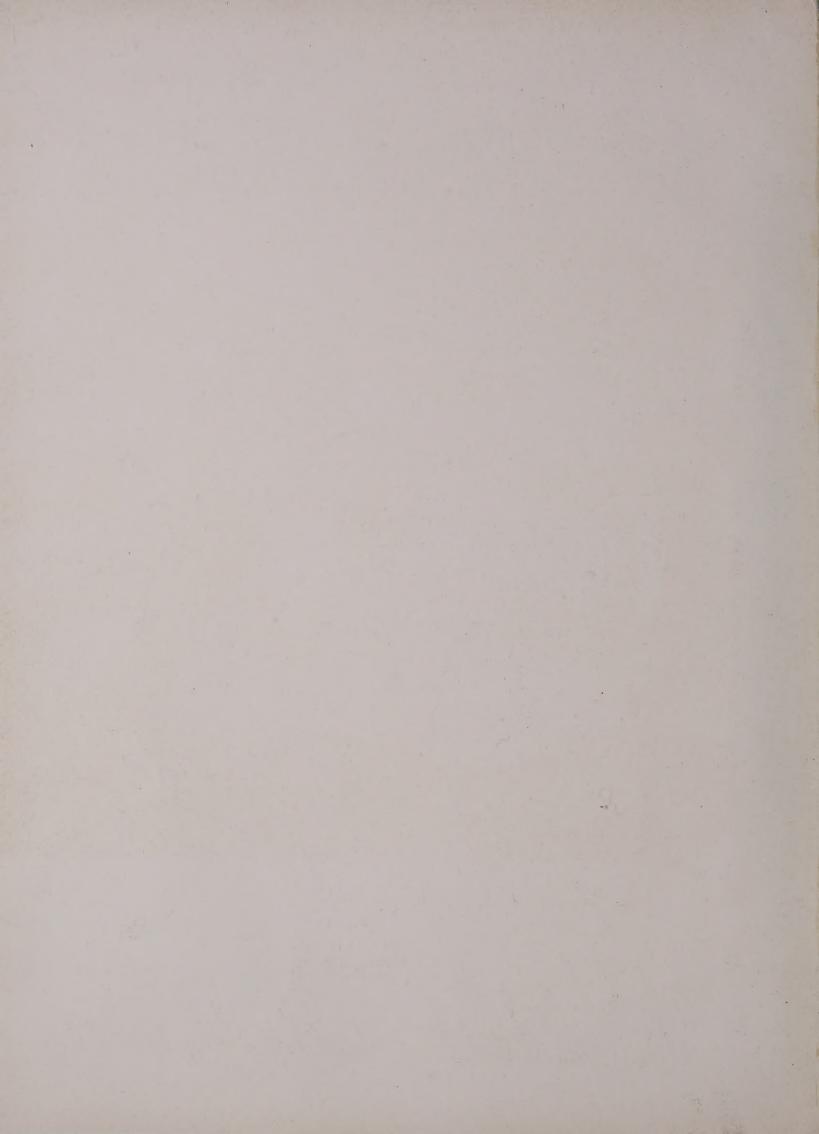
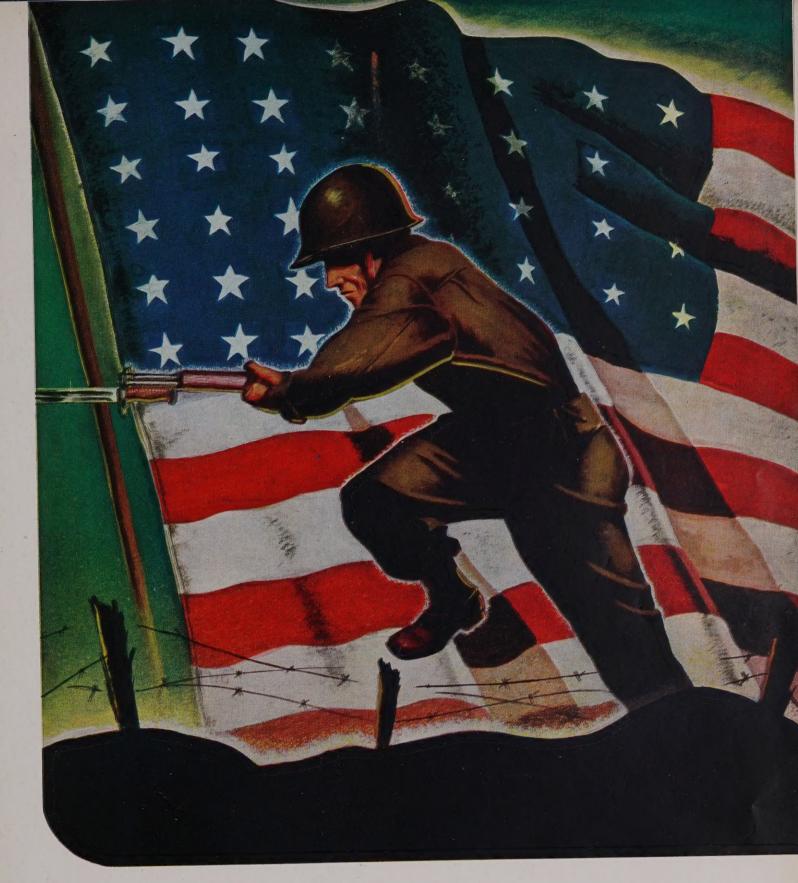
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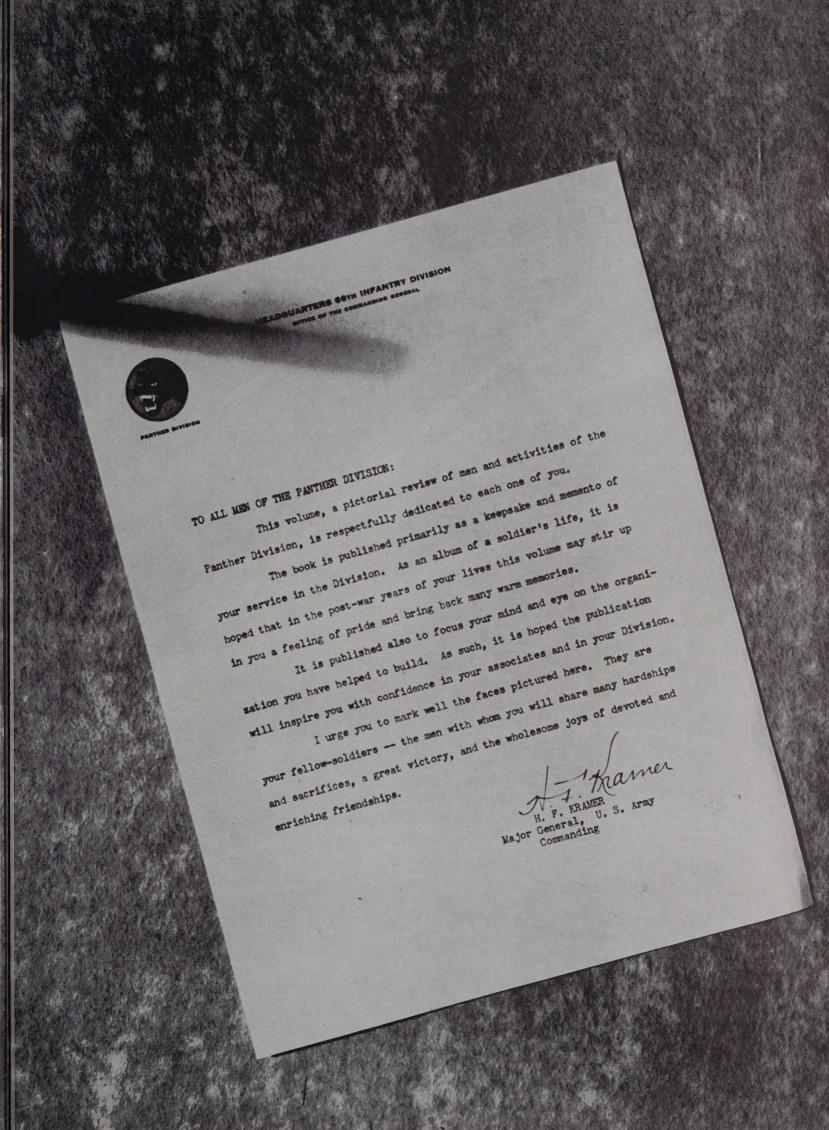


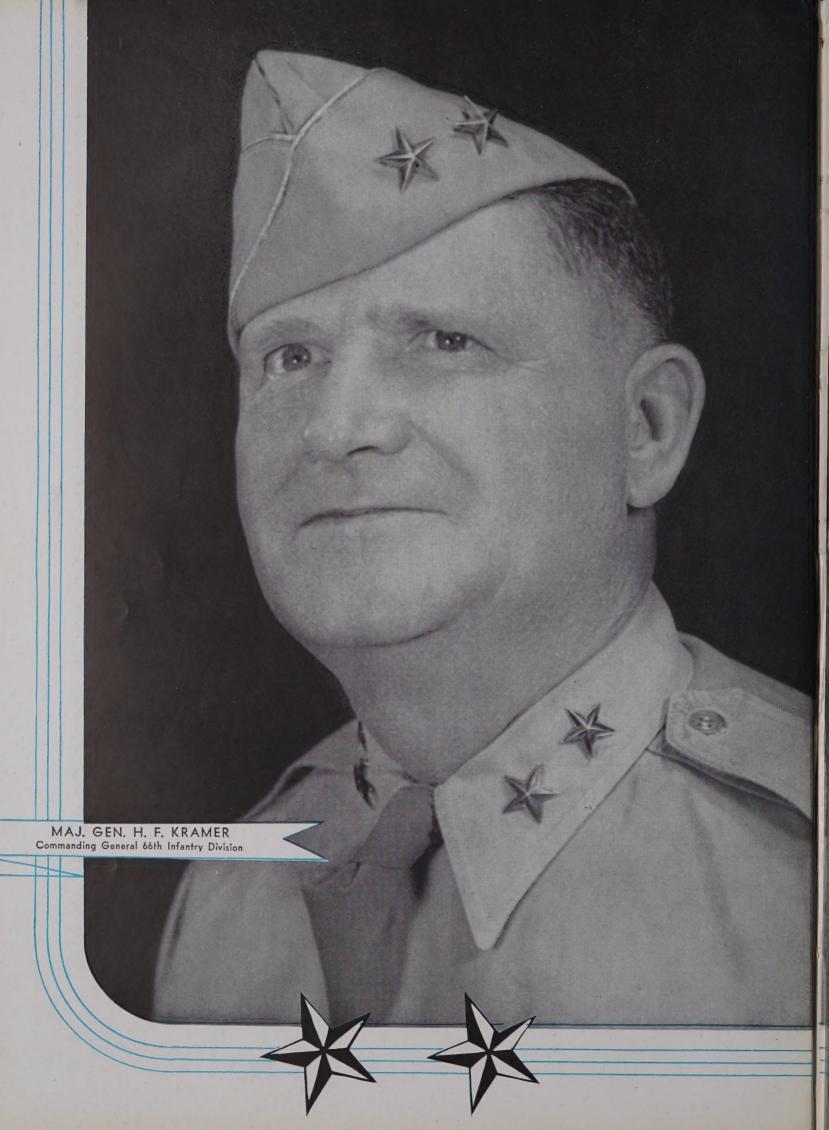


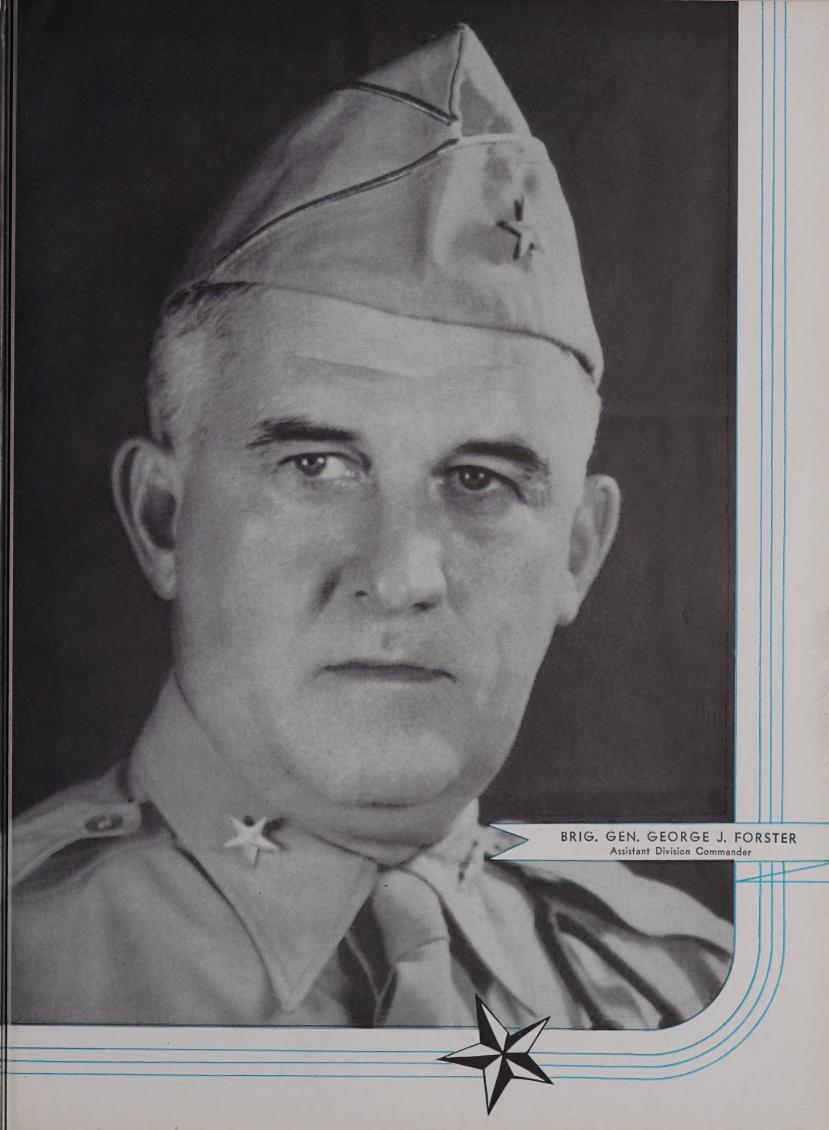
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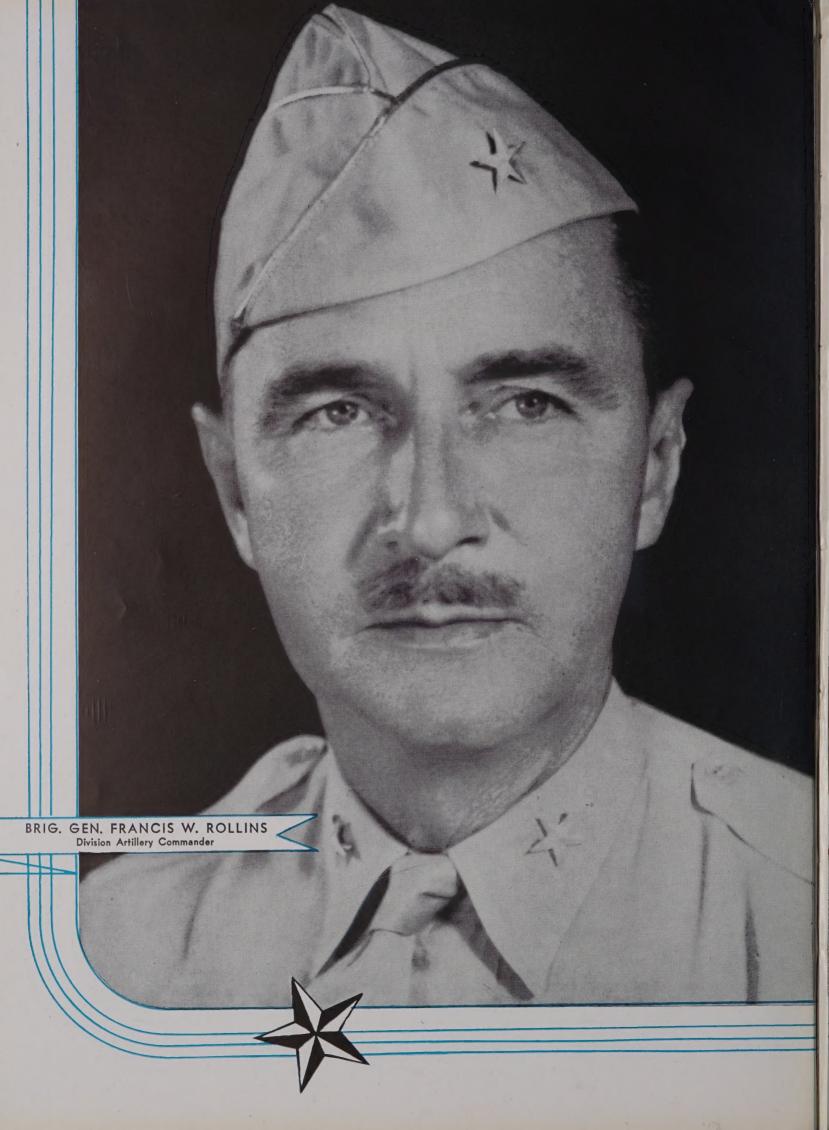
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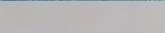


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LT. COL. WILDER H. SHEARD Topeka, Kan. Adjutant General





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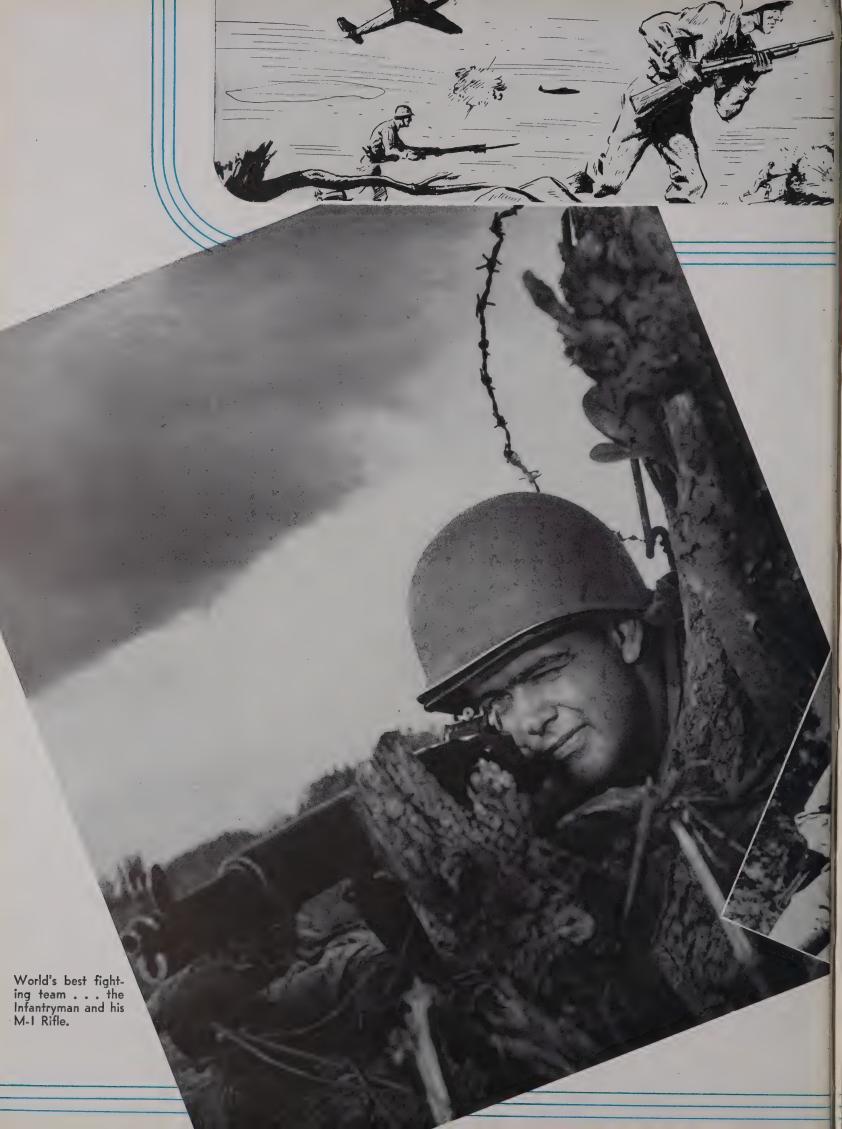
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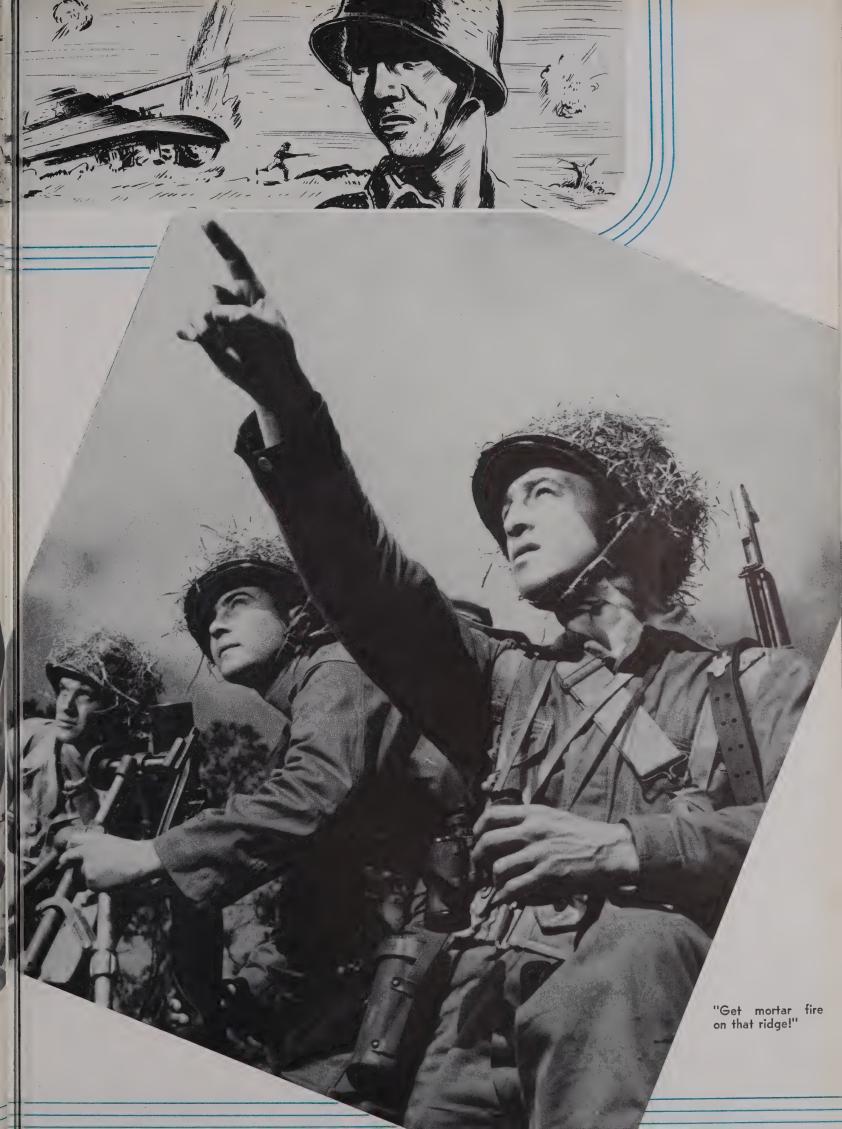




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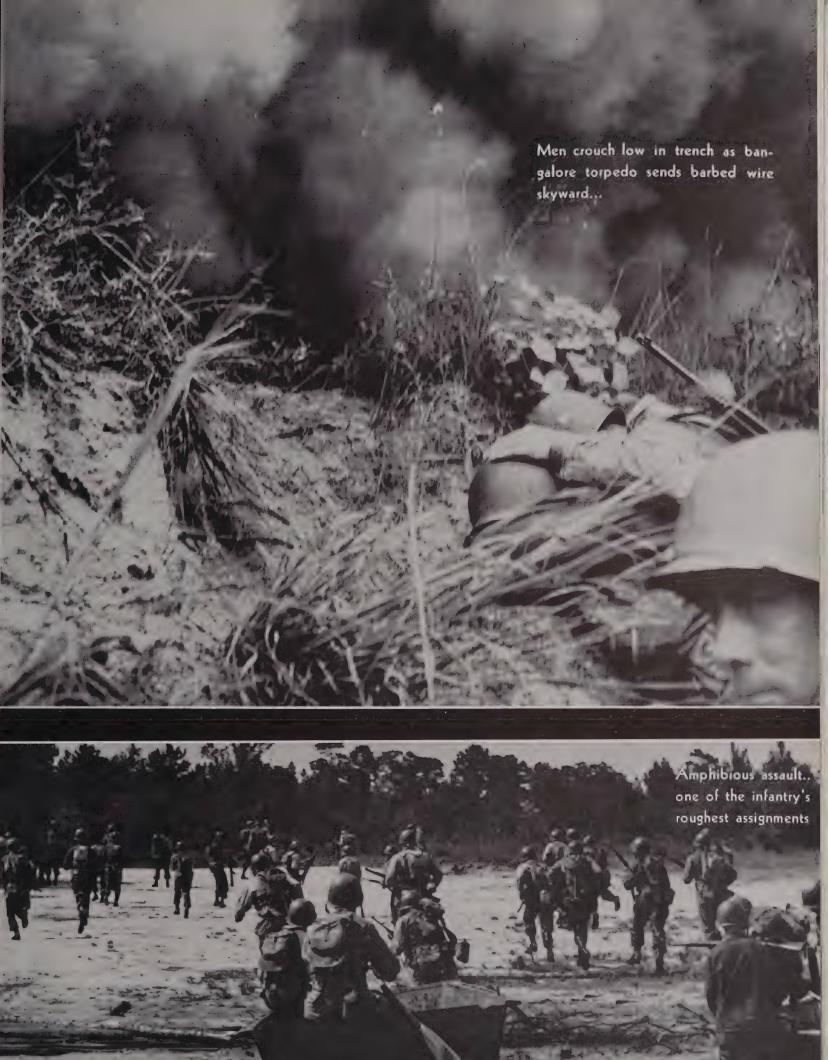


















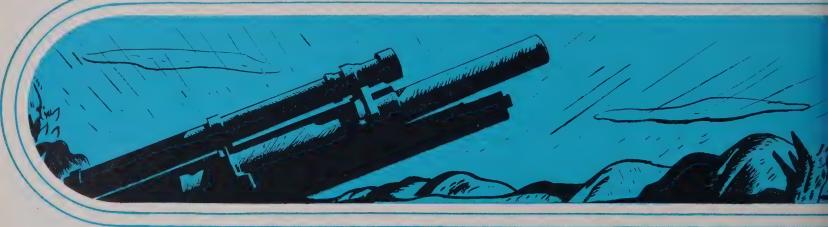








Backs bend as field artillerymen ram the shell home....





From under a camouflage net . . . the howitzer blazes forth.



Shells charged and set . . . ready to hurl miles at distant targets.

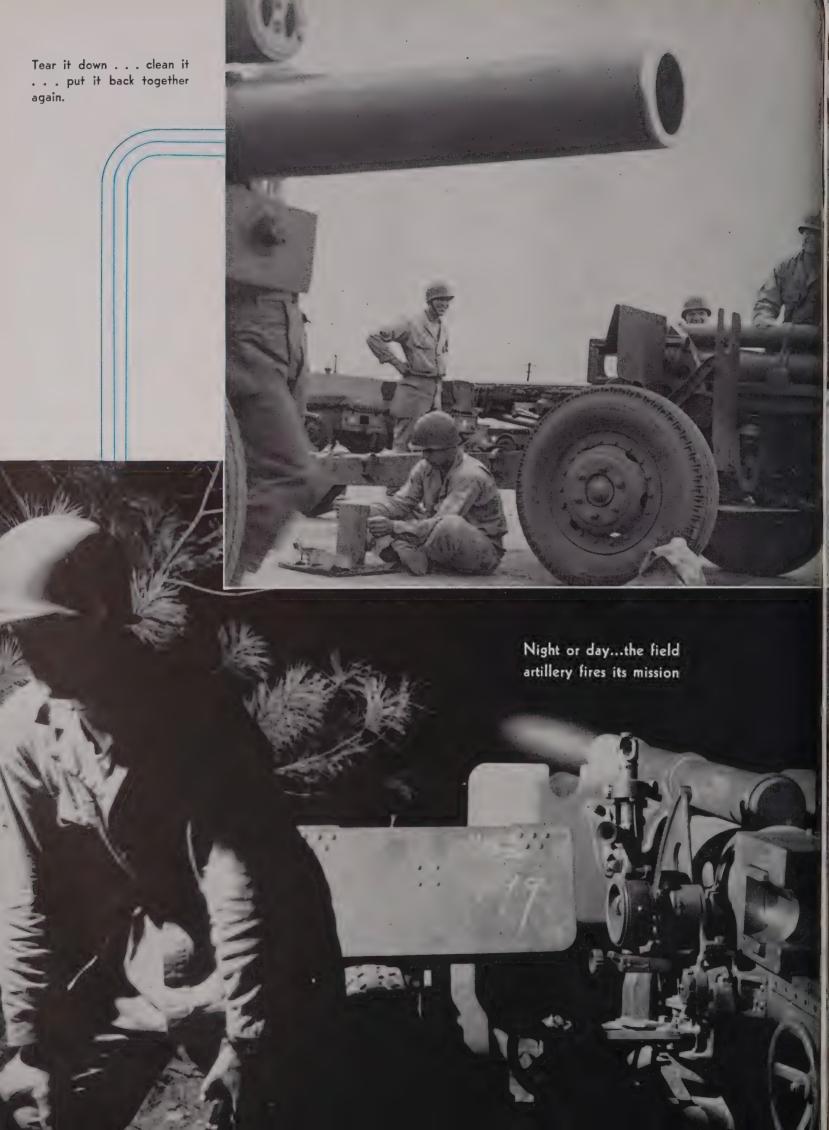




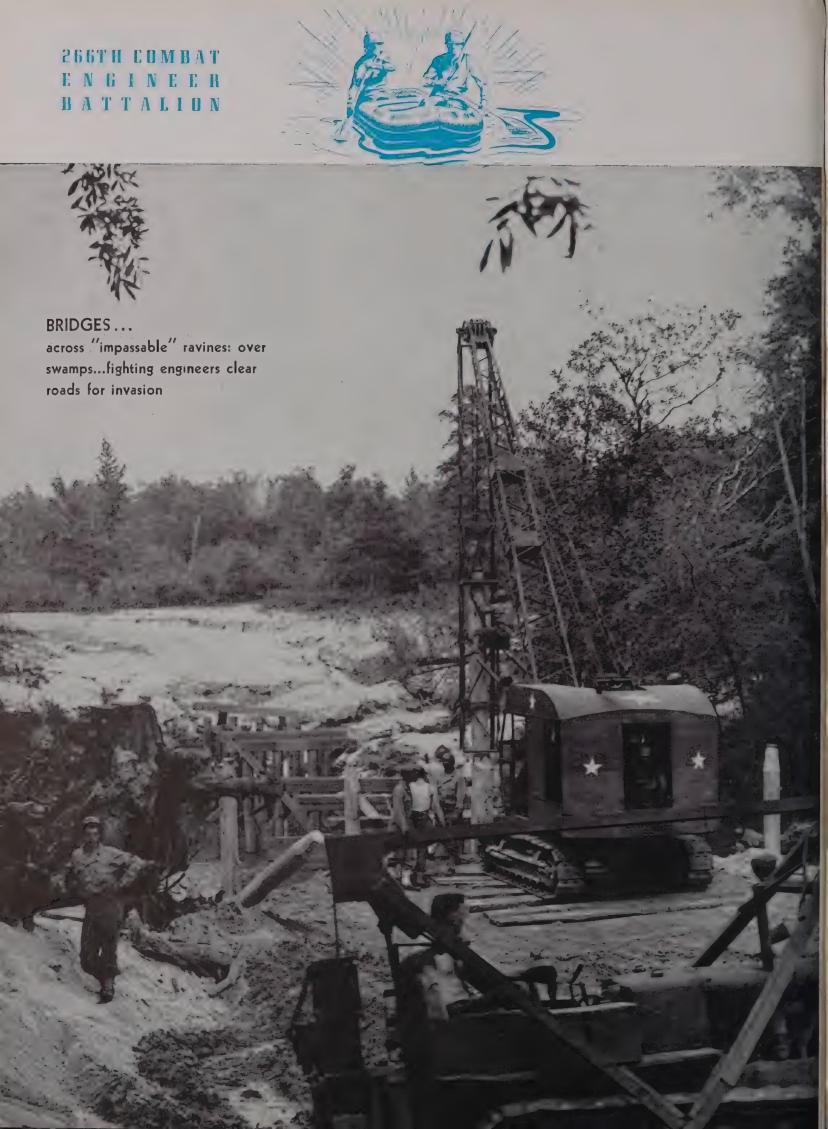
Officer and NCO check fire data . . . operator stands by for fire order.



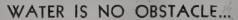








ENGINEERS



266 Engineers take Infantry across lake in assault boats.



SCORCHED EARTH...

When bridges might help the enemy...
engineers send them skyhigh with powerful
explosives.



Ends of heavy rope are bound secure....

FIGHTERS - BUILDERS - WRECKERS

Engineers ready to launch river-crossing craft.





Engineers inflate pontoons for floating bridge.

Bulldozers do a lot of heavy work for the engineers and need constant check-ups.



SIGMAL

"Get the message through" is the working code of the signal corps. Top photo... stringing wires. A field switchboard with its maze of wiring is in lower photo.





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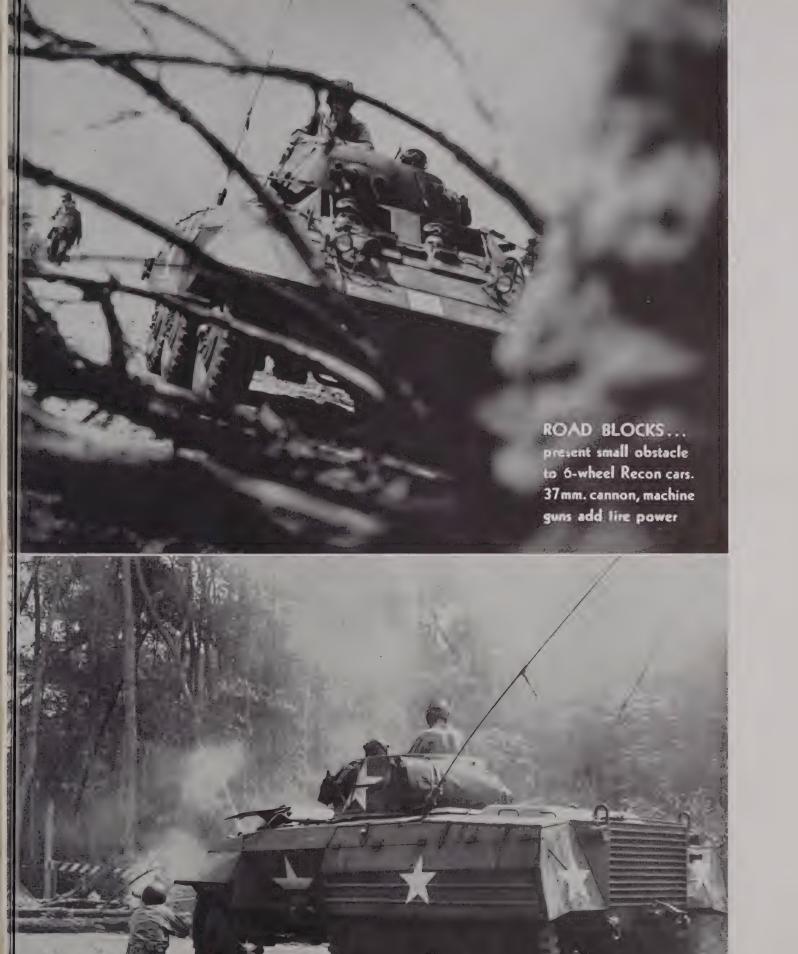
66TH CAVALRY RECONNAISSANCE TROOP

ARMORED RECONNAISSANCE VEHICLES...

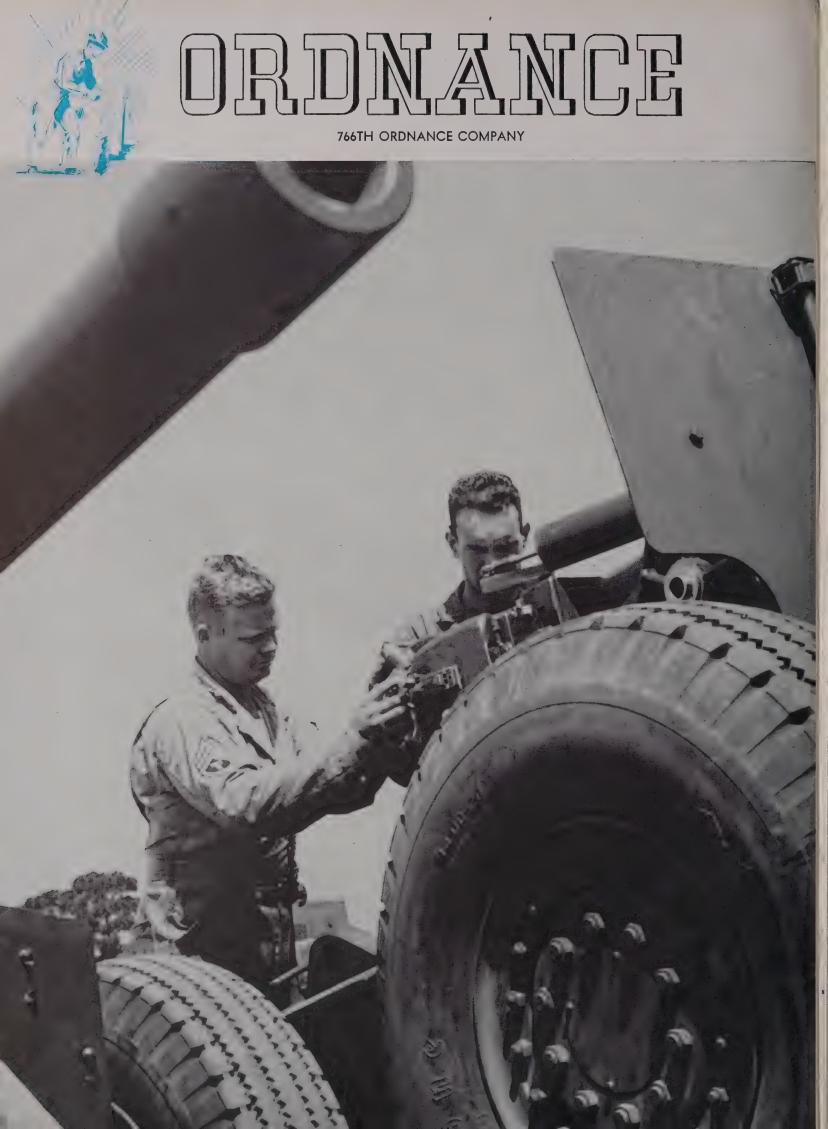
range far behind enemy lines to pick up vital information...keep in touch with base by radio

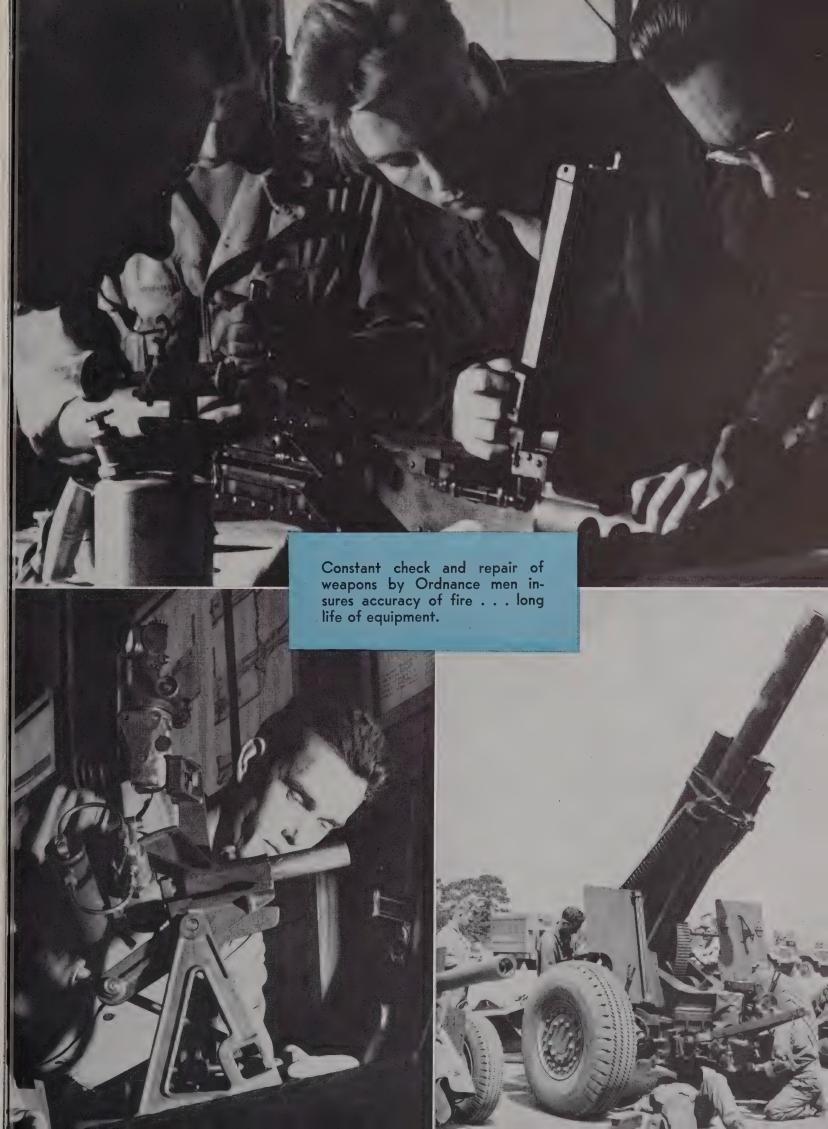
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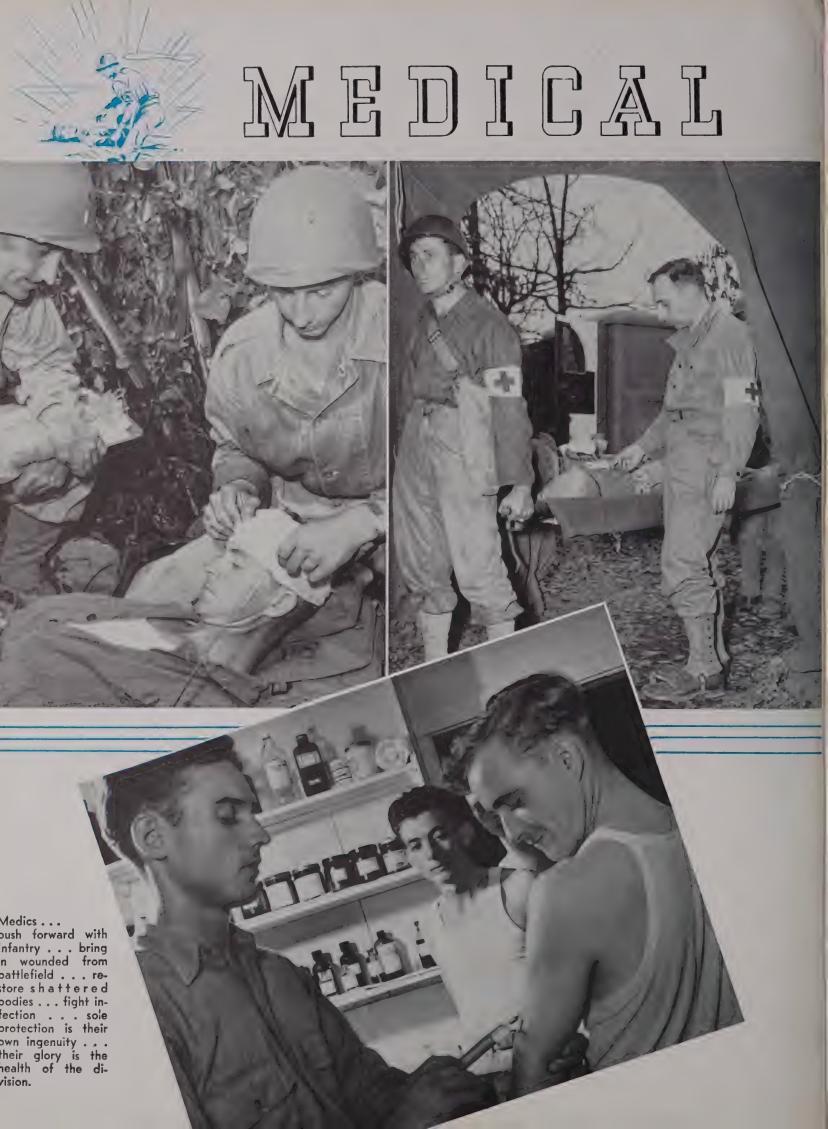




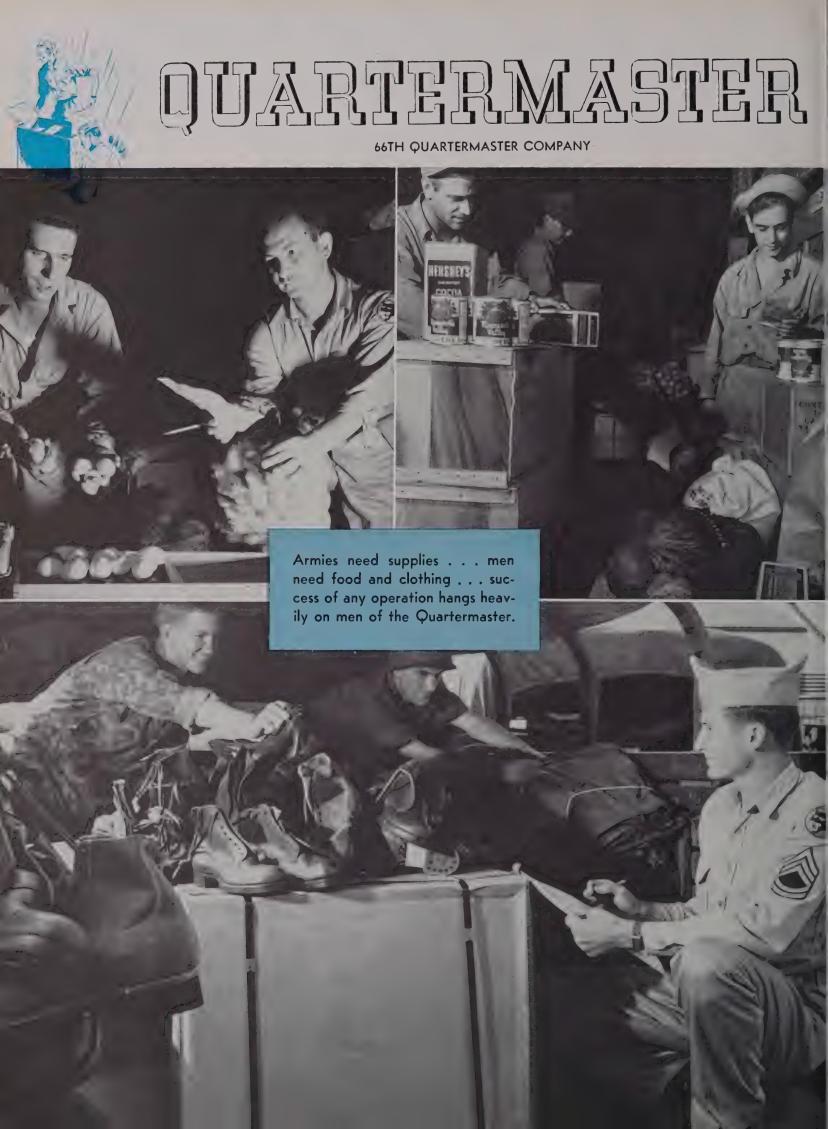
Foot reconnaissance elements follow close to M-8 car ... help clear resistance ... get information.

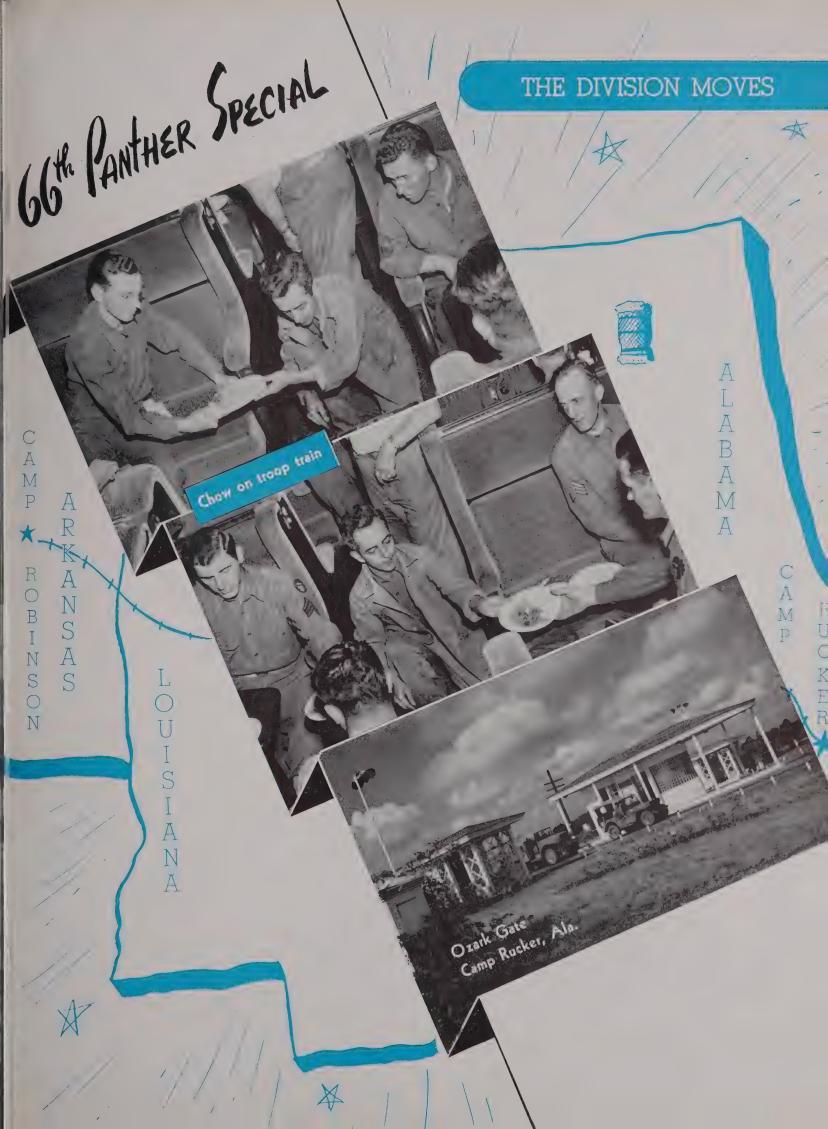


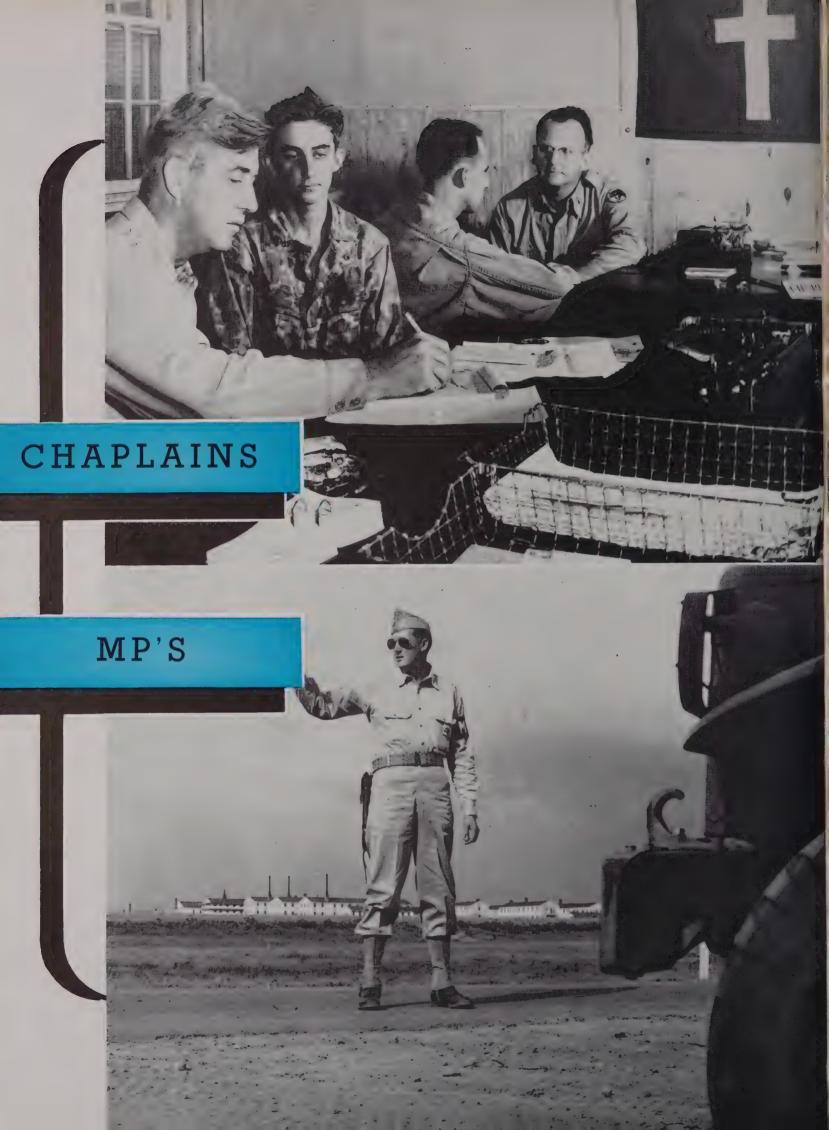


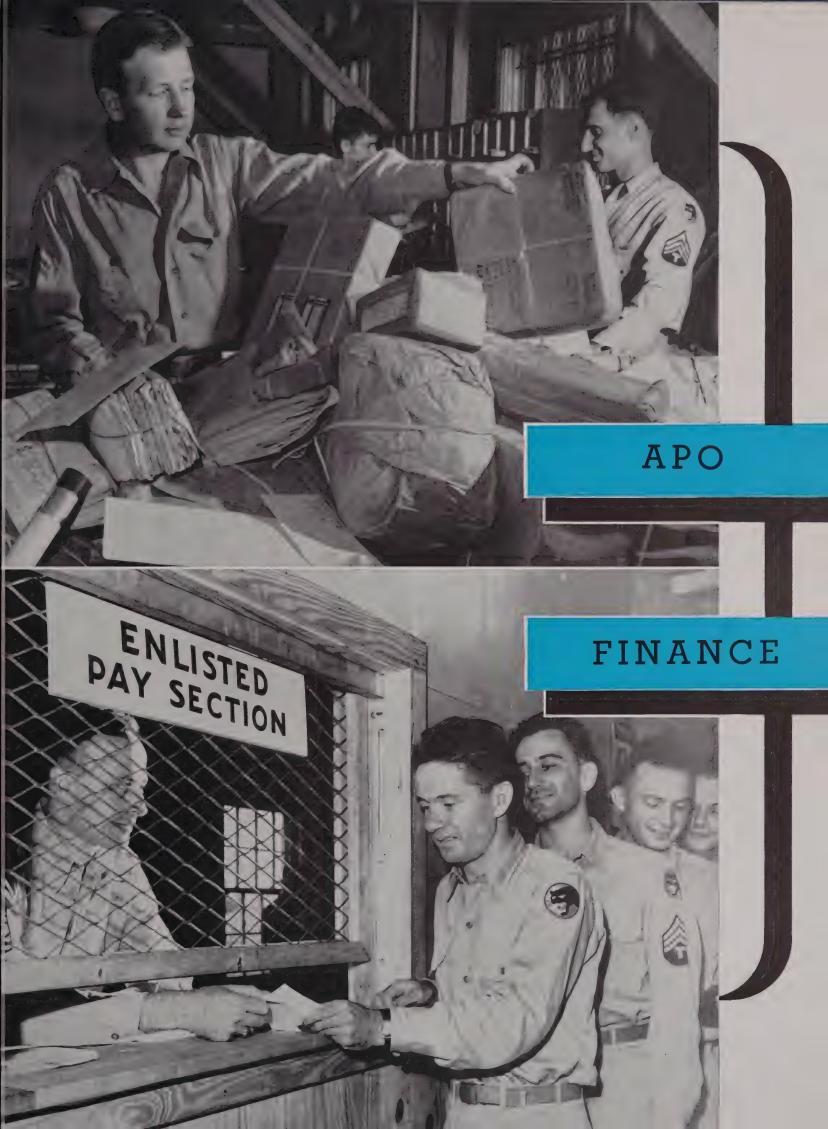
















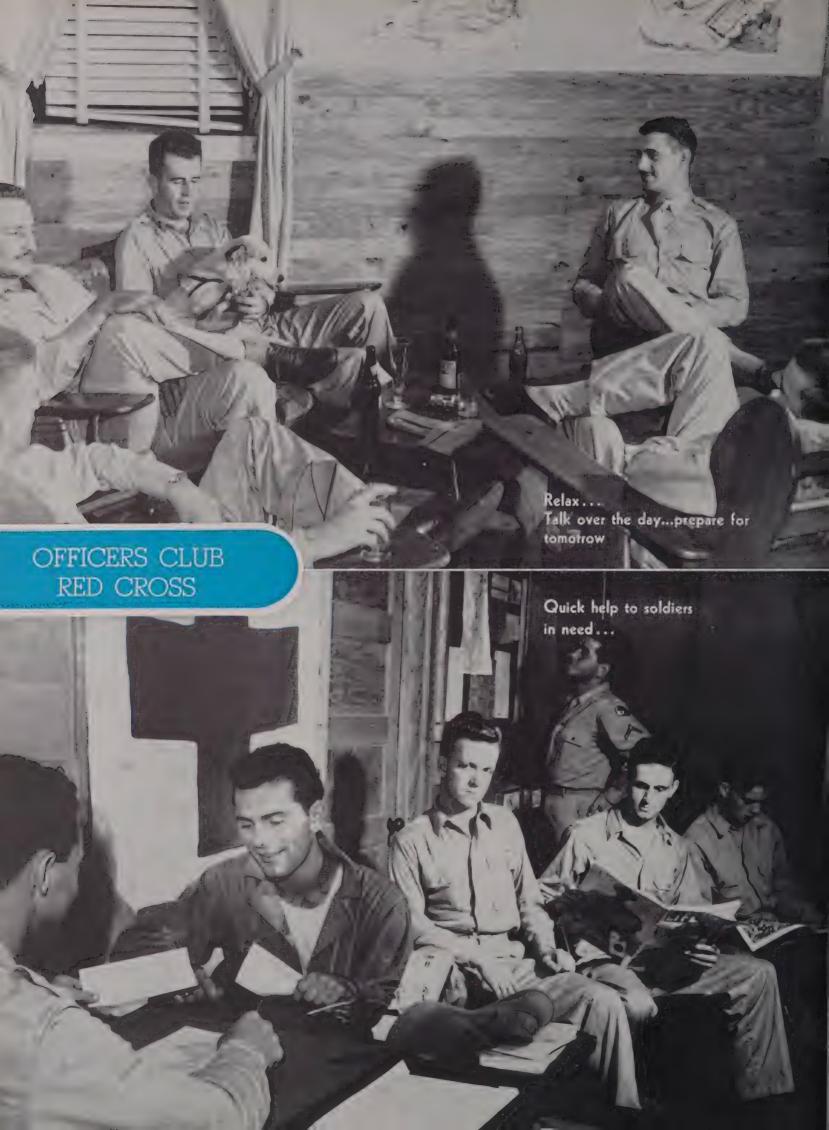
PANAMA CITY . . . Here's a chow line on the Gulf of Mexico to feed hungry Panthermen after a dip. Special Services provided weekly convoys and chow. . . .

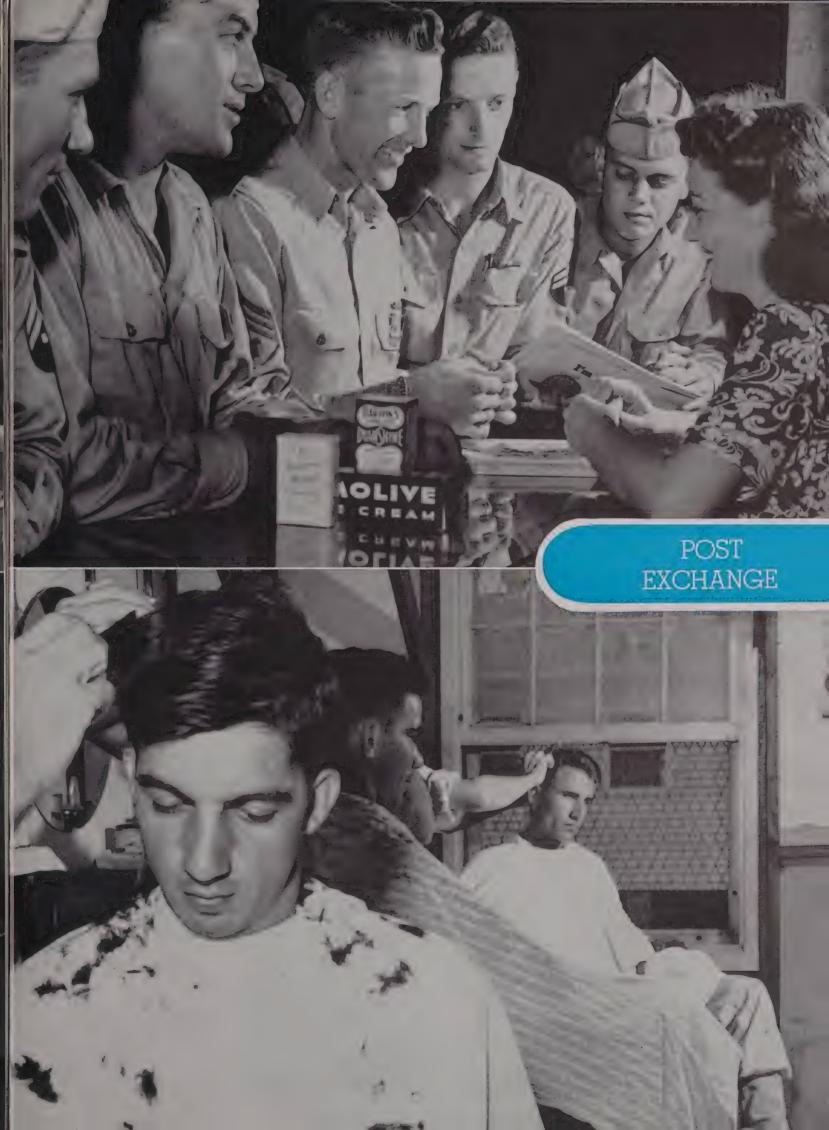


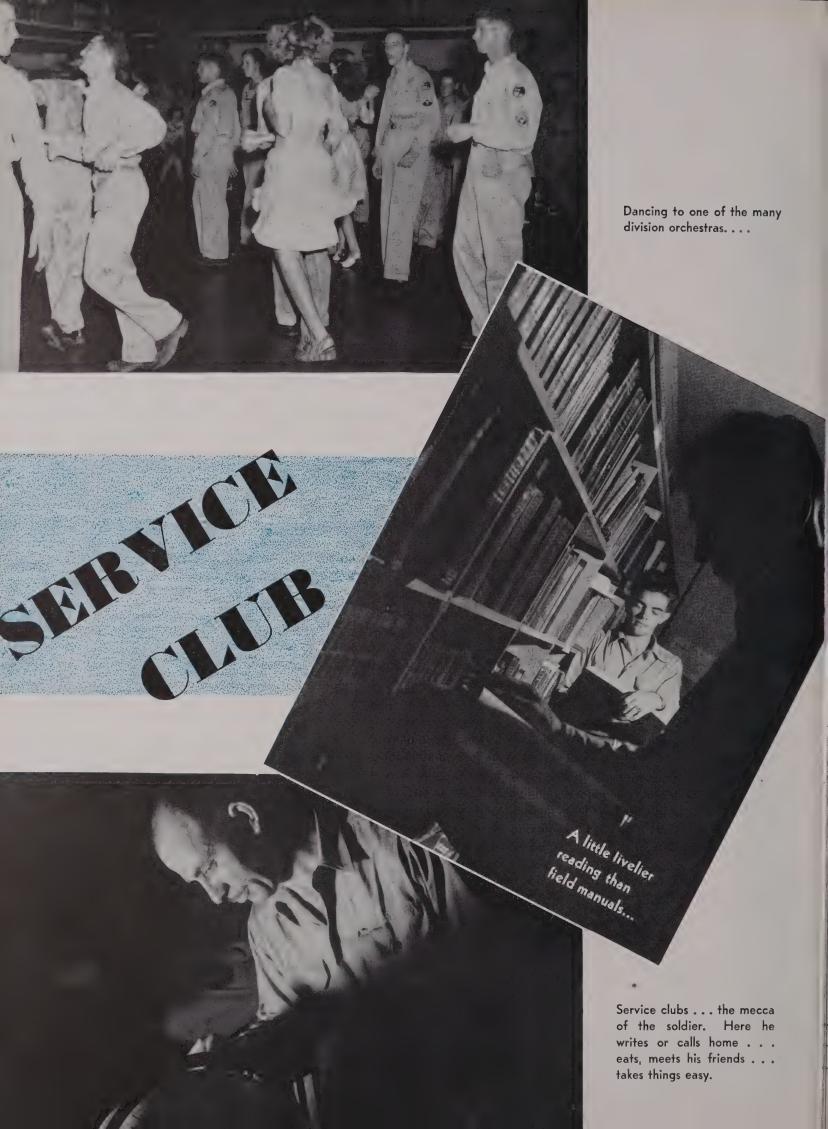
OFFICERS' SCHOOL Division officers go through physical conditioning...



BASKETBALL...
Many 66th men were former college cage aces....









MAIL CALL...
A big moment any day in a soldier's life.

BIVOUAC ...

When the problem is done ... somebody hauls out a horn ... everybody gathers round to listen, drink hot coffee and gossip.





Major General H. F. Kramer has chow with Governor Sparks of Alabama.





Problem is over . . . men take a break before next phase starts. (Not shown in picture are chiggers, mosquitos.)

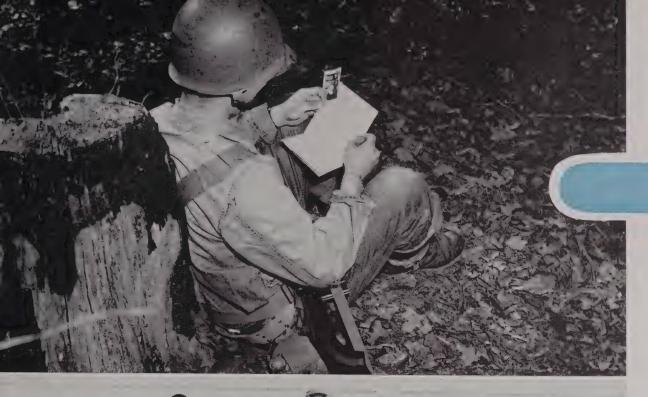
"You're In the 66th"...
G. I. musical revue, written and produced by men of the Panther Division, played to capacity audiences... one of the outstanding soldier performances put on by any combat unit.



BACKS BEND as 66th Division officers go through training course under Alabama's hot sun.



"MY O. P. WILL BE IN THIS TREE. . . ." Observer climbs tree to direct 66th Artillery fire.



GO AHEAD . . . ask him how his morale is . . . it's ace high . . . he just got a letter.



Here's one of the best soldier ball clubs of the south . . . the Panther team. Pictured with Major General H. F. Kramer, division commander, the team visited a number of southern Alabama camps . . . established an impressive record.



"Goodnight . . . see you tomorrow night. . . . "
Scene any night before the Division service club where soldiers entertained.



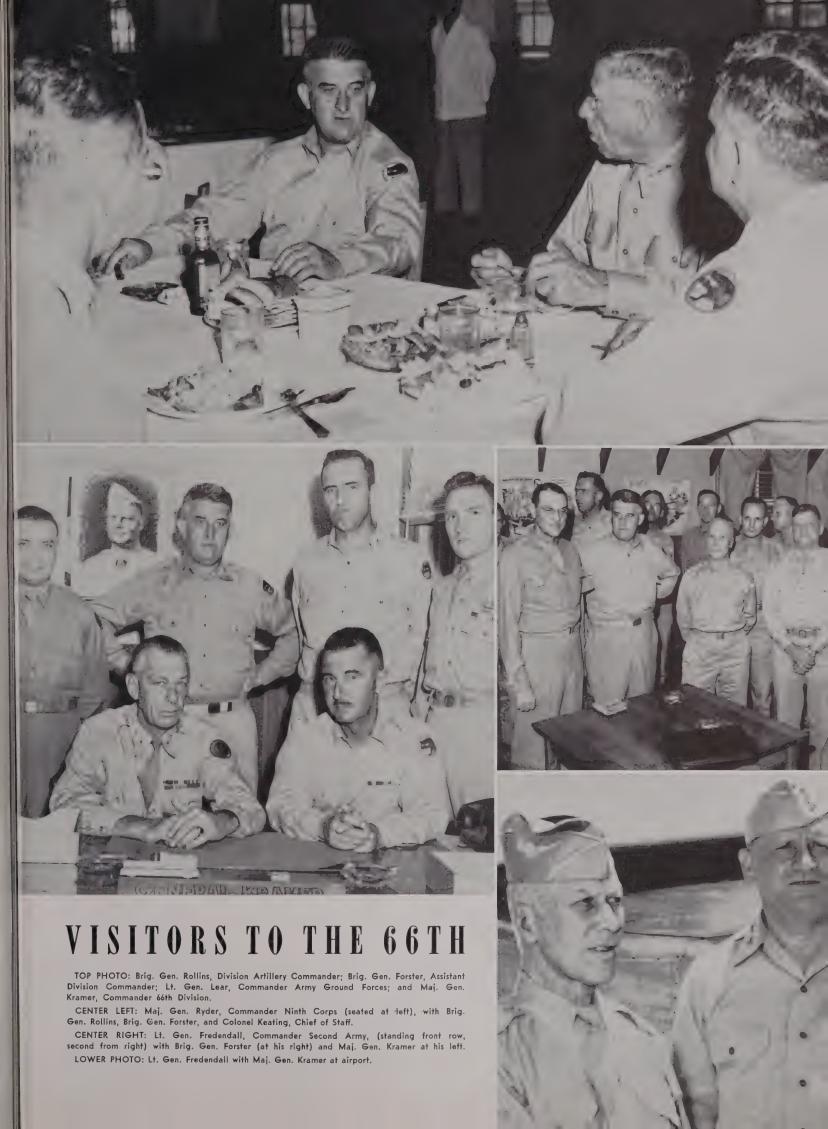


No comment . . . this went on every morning.

"Coke, Sergeant?" Men take 10 in a dayroom.







THE PANTHER DIVISION

". . . confident and ready to move into action . . . "

The Panther Division, first unit of its size and type in American military history to bear the numerical designation sixty-six, was born April 15, 1943, at Camp Blanding, Florida, where in a simple activation ceremony the Division colors were presented to Major General H. F. Kramer, Commanding General, by Major General Robert C. Richardson, Jr., then commanding the VII Corps of Second Army, to which the 66th Division was initially assigned.

America's traditional faith in a citizen Army was exemplified in this new Division for its original strength consisted of some 15,000 recruits, fresh from civilian life, whose military experience in most cases included a few days spent in one of a dozen induction centers scattered throughout the nation. These potential soldiers were from every stratum of American life, from every state in the union, and they represented practically every trade, skill, and profession.

To mold this raw material into a fighting force, a cadre of officers and non-commissioned officers was selected from the 89th Infantry Division, then stationed at Camp Carson, Colorado. Added to the cadre were scores of young junior officers just commissioned at the various officer candidate schools-Infantry, Field Artillery, Cavalry, Quartermaster, Signal, Ordnance, Medical, and Chaplains Corps. The Division staff and the key officers in subordinate units, core of the new organization, had been selected in January and February and joined the Division after completing specialized courses in service schools and at command and General Staff School, General Kramer was named Commander by the War Department January 6, 1943. His Chief of Staff was Colonel William E. Donegan, GSC, later succeeded by Colonel John W. Keating, GSC. Brigadier General Francis W. Rollins was placed in command of Division Artillery, and Brigadier General Joseph A. Cranston was named assistant Division commander. General Cranston was succeeded in November, 1943, by Brigadier General James W. Barnett, who in turn was succeeded in March, 1944, by Brigadier General George J. Forster.

Early in May, 1943, the Division initiated an individual training program for the purpose of "teaching our troops how to kill and how not to be killed on the battlefield, to develop leadership and teamwork, to harden the officers and men mentally and physically, and to forge each link in the chain of command." This individual training was completed at Camp Blanding early in August, 1943, and evidence that the recruits of a few months ago had learned the fundamentals of military life was revealed in a score of 93.4% made in tests conducted by VII Corps.

The Division was directed to move to Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas, August 7, 1943, and opened its new command post at that station August 13. There, during the months of September through December, 1943, the process of developing basic fighting teams went on and training in operations by larger units of combat teams was completed in January, 1944. The new year began with preparations to further integrate the Division as a unit. Problems were conducted in the field during part of January, and in February, under the watchful eyes of XXI Corps of Fourth Army, a series of prescribed division problems was undertaken. The Division was then earmarked to participate in maneuvers scheduled for Louisiana Maneuver Area in April, 1944.

Plans to participate in the maneuvers were interrupted late in March with an order to move to Camp Rucker, Alabama. The Division began this move April 10 and established its command post April 19 at the new station where it was assigned to the IX Corps of Second Army. About this time several thousand replacements from Army Specialized Training Program schools, Infantry Replacement Training Centers, and Army Air Corps joined the Division and for the next few months the immediate task was the training of these replacements to take their part in the Division team. The training process of individuals and subordinate units continued until late in September when the Division again moved into the field for a one-month period to complete individual training, to participate in field problems, and to complete preparations for a movement overseas.

During the year from August, 1943, to August, 1944, the Division was confronted with a major problem in furnishing replacements of trained officers and men for oversea service in other units earmarked for such duty. During that time the Division transferred to ports of embarkation, to other branches of the service, or to other units ready for movement overseas enough officers and men, ranging from generals to privates, to man another entire division. Today, even before the Division is ordered into combat, Panther-trained officers and men are serving on every war front. The task of adjusting to the losses of thousands of men and officers has required relentless and tireless concentration on training. In spite of the losses, the Division continues its preparation for the battle tasks ahead-confident and ready to move into action at any time and at any place.

In Memoriam

We pay tribute to the memory of these men who died while serving with the 66th Division.

T/SGT. HOWARD F. ATKINS, Company B, 264th Infantry.

S/SGT. EUGENE M. ASBURY, Company A, 266 Engineers. T/5 GEORGE A. CADA, Headquarters Company, 264th Infantry.

T/5 JOSEPH F. SMITH, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion 264th Infantry.

PFC. ROBERT H. MEISSNER, Company G, 264th Infantry.

PFC. EMERSON D. WASHBURN, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 264th Infantry.

PFC. CHARLES BARROWCLOUGH, JR., Company M, 264th Infantry.

PFC. MARVIN BLUMBERG, Company M, 264th Infantry. PFC. EDWARD H. DeGRASSE, Company M, 264th Infantry.

PFC. RALPH R. JAUREZ, Company M, 264th Infantry.

PFC. NORMAN H. RANDALL, Company M, 264th Infantry. PFC. CARL R. SCHNARR, Company M, 264th Infantry.

PFC. ARFAD S. SZABO, Company M, 264th Infantry. PFC. EVERETT CHARLES BULFIN, MP Platoon.

PFC. JAMES E. DUDLEY, MP Platoon.
PFC. CLIFFORD C. NEWBRAUGH, Company E, 262nd Infantry,

PFC. THOMAS E. HART, Company L, 264th Infantry.

PVT. RICHARD H. BREEN, Company B, 262nd Infantry.

PVT. EDWARD J. HAAS, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 263rd Infantry.

PVT. THOMAS E. SAYLOR, Company D, 263rd Infantry.

PVT. LEONARD G. GREIG, Company M, 264th Infantry. PVT. ROBERT E. SWELLIE, Medical Detachment, 264th Infantry.

PVT. ALBERT F. EGGERS, Battery A, 870th Field Artillery Battalion.

PVT. JOHN D. BAILEY, Service Battery, 870th Field Artillery Battalion.

PVT. MELCHIOR J. KOOB, Service Battery, 870th Field Artillery Battalion.

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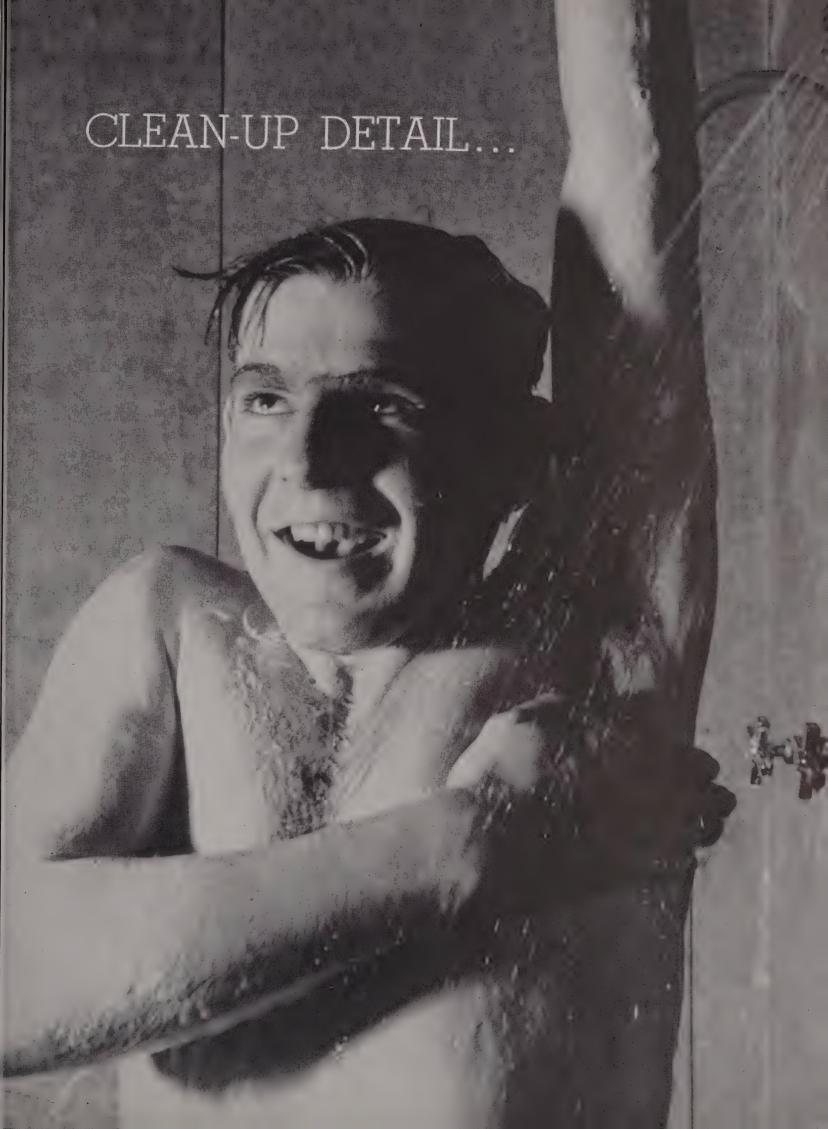
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PVT. LARKIN E. HUFFAKER, Company B, 264th Infantry.

PVT. JOSEPH B. LLOYD, Company B, 263rd Infantry.





Honorary Panthers

Because of meritorious service to the 66th Division, the following persons have been presented the rank of "Honorary Panther."

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- MR. DOUGLAS ELLER Jacksonville, Fla.
- MR. HAROLD W. ASHLEY Jacksonville, Fla.
- MR. HENRY P. ADAIR
 Jacksonville, Fla.
- MR. ELLIOT BUTTS
 Jacksonville, Fla.
- MR. HENRY C. CHURCH, JR. Jacksonville, Fla.
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266TH ENGINEER BATTALION
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566TH SIGNAL COMPANY
766TH ORDNANCE COMPANY
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MAJOR DONALD C. NORTH Chadron, Nebraska Headquarters Commandant



IST LT. ANTHONY J. CEFARATTI Chicago, Illinois Adjutant



HEADQUARTERS SPECIAL TROOPS





CAPT. DAVID E. MAUGAN Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Headquarters Chaplain

SPECIAL TROOPS ... 66th Quartermaster Company, Military Police, 66th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, 266th Engineer Battalion, 366th Medical Battalion, 566th Signal Company, 766th Ordnance Company, Headquarters Company. Their job in the Panther Division is a big one. They see that the Division is supplied with ammunition, food, clothing, transportation. It's their job to clear minefields, barb wire . . . build bridges or blow them up . . . keep the vital system of communication running ... keep the weapons and instruments of war in serviceable condition. . . . They are charged with the health of the Division. Men must be in condition to fight under all conditions, physically as well as mentally. They are the eyes and ears of the Division . . . their armored scout cars range far into enemy territory to give foot soldiers a picture of the enemy. They supply the personnel for operation of Division Headquarters and operate the military police functions of the Division.









Reconnaissance troop lieutenant issues instructions to armored car driver.



66th Division men can handle this piece of meat in short order.



If you didn't get a letter . . . don't blame the post office. All the services of a civilian post office are provided.

66th Reconnaissance Company car out after enemy information.

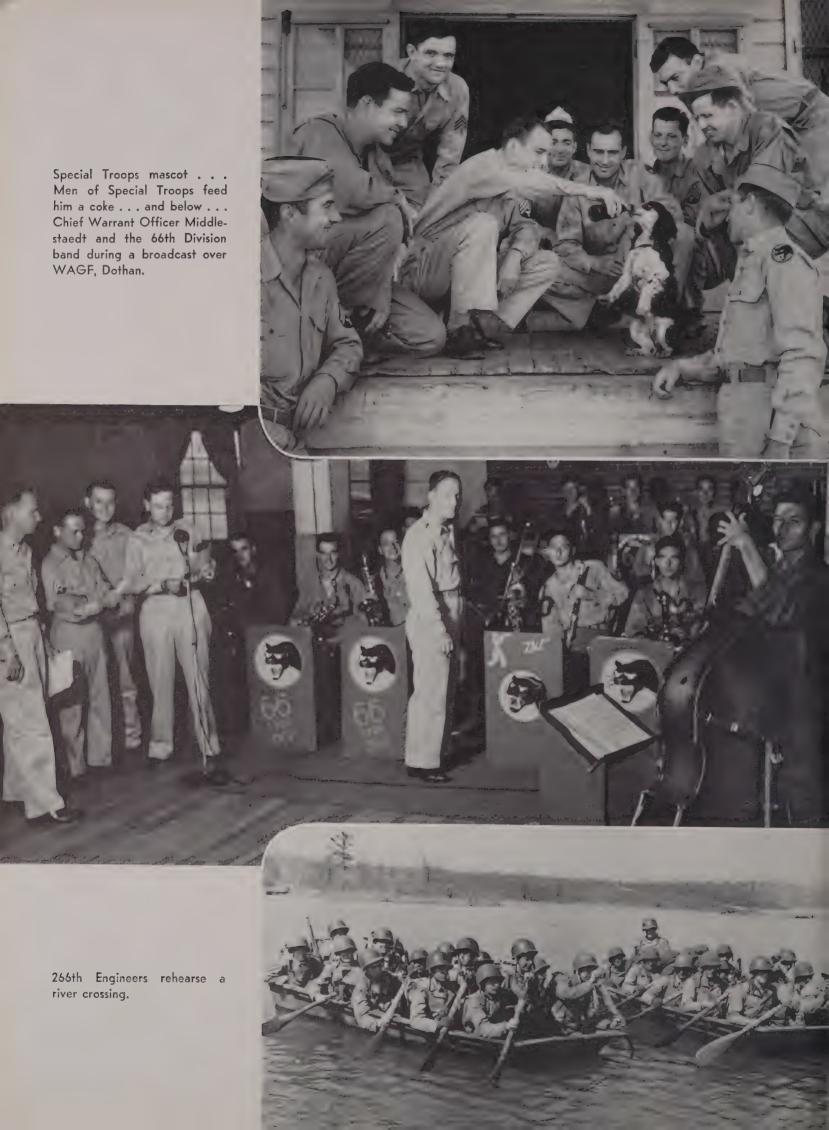


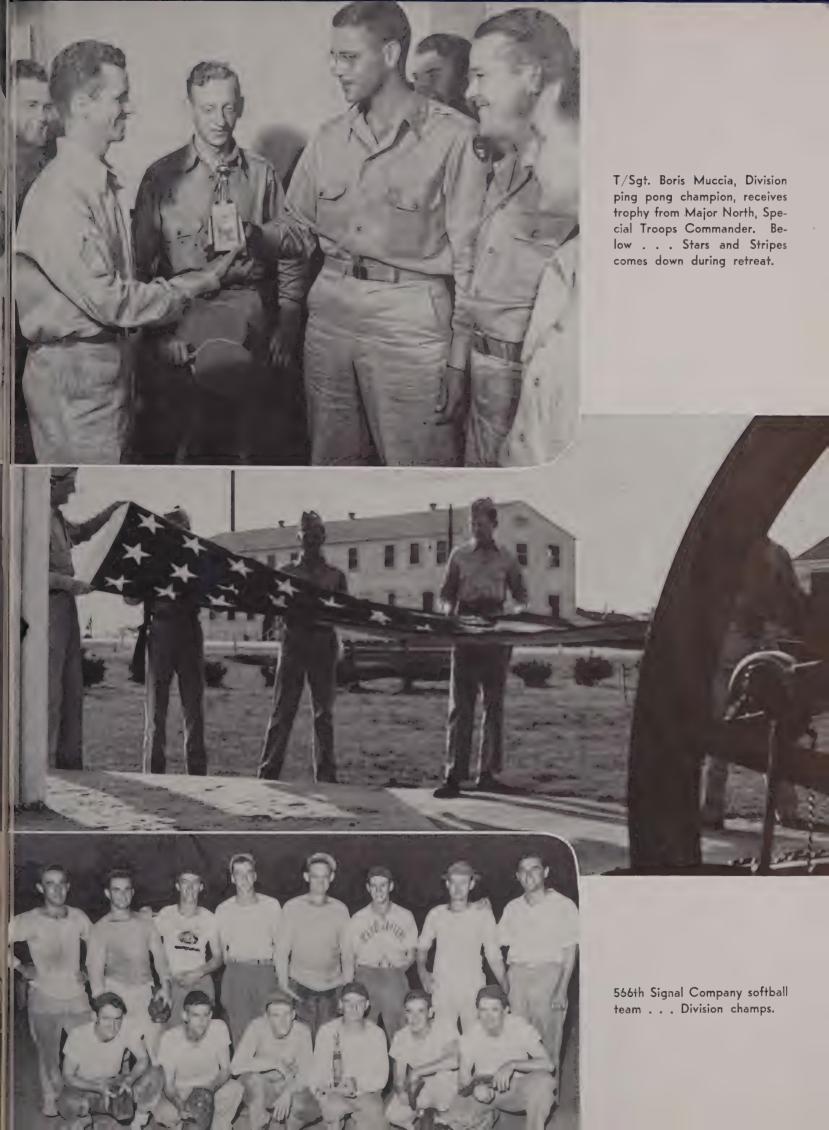
Men of the 66th Quartermaster Company man-handling flour sacks...



This isn't Christmas
... just the daily
normal load of mail
that pours through.

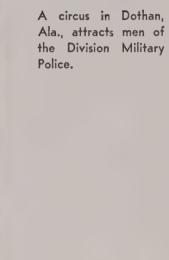
















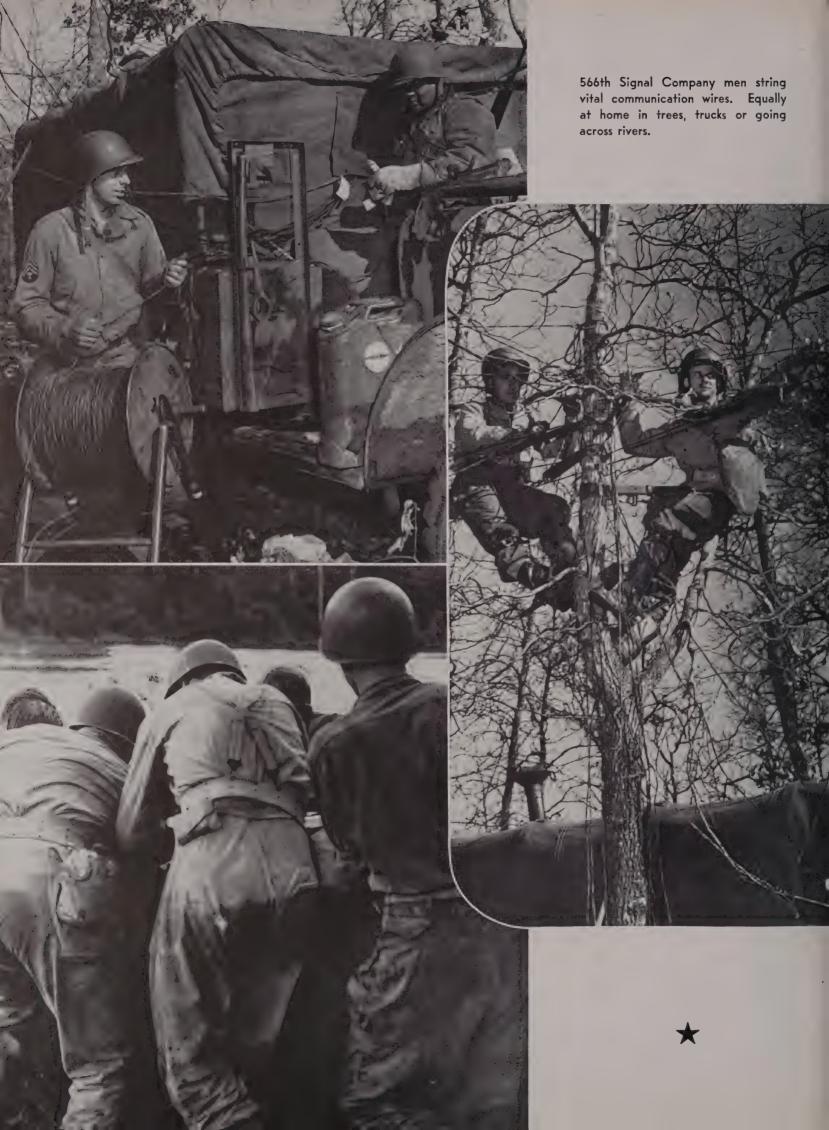
Somebody abandoned two puppies . . .so now the M. P.'s have mascots.





Two first sergeants battle it out over a pool table.









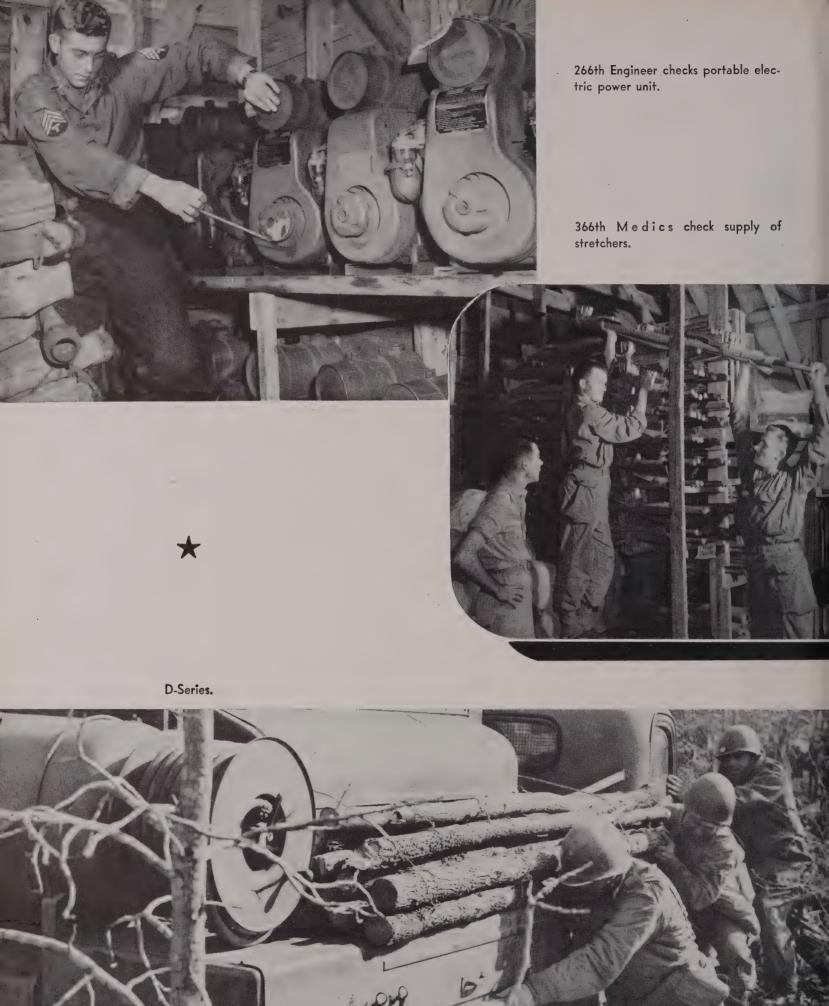


At the top...
men of the
766th Ordnance Company during a
delicate welding job. Below...construction work
goes fast for
the 266th Engineers when
modern equipment like this
power saw is
employed.



"In the corner pocket."
366th Medics relax over a pool game.
Below . . .
266th Engineers plotting construction.

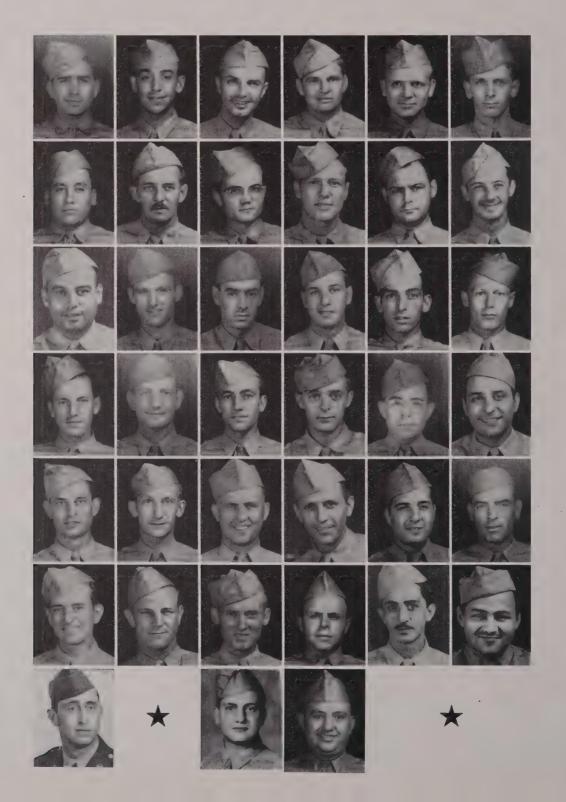


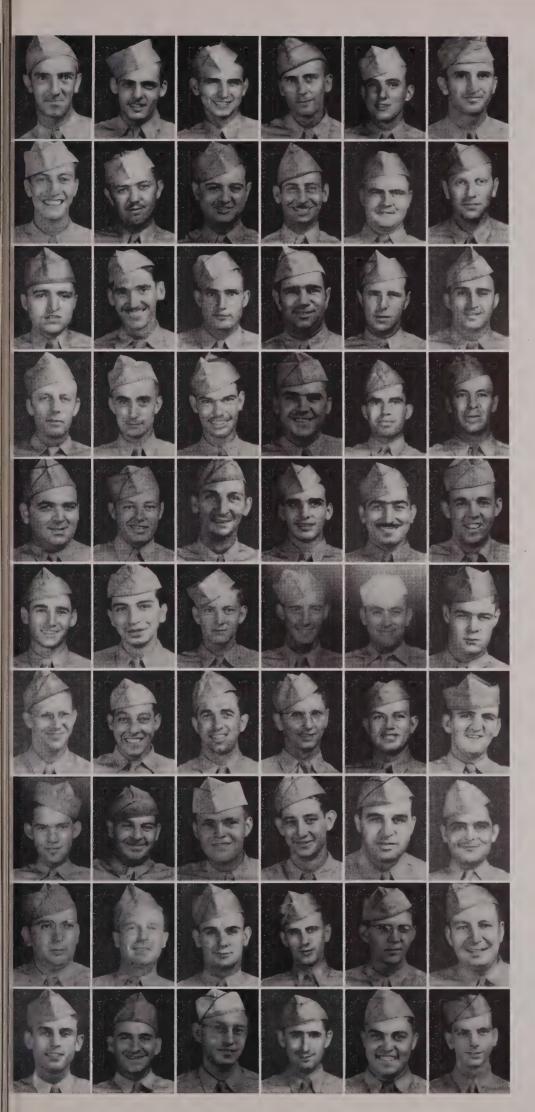






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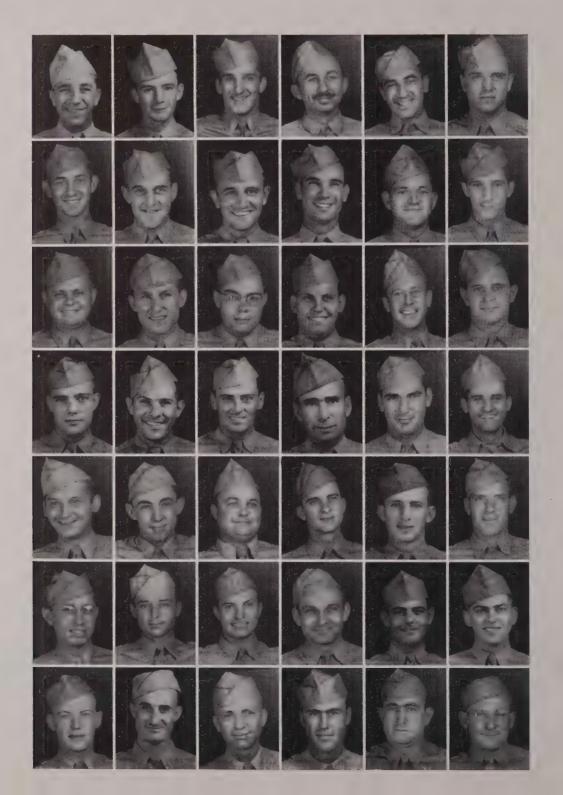


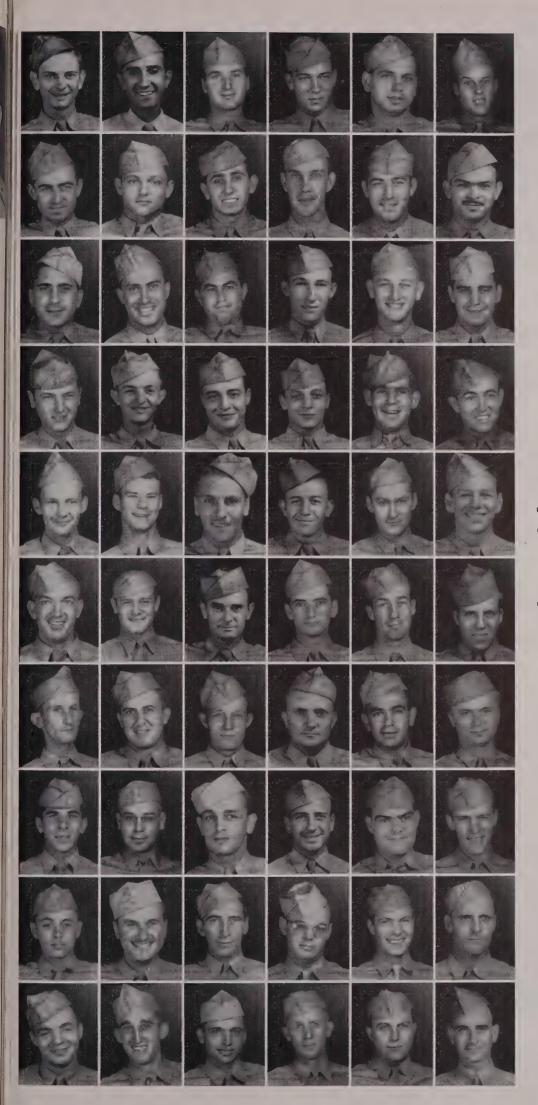






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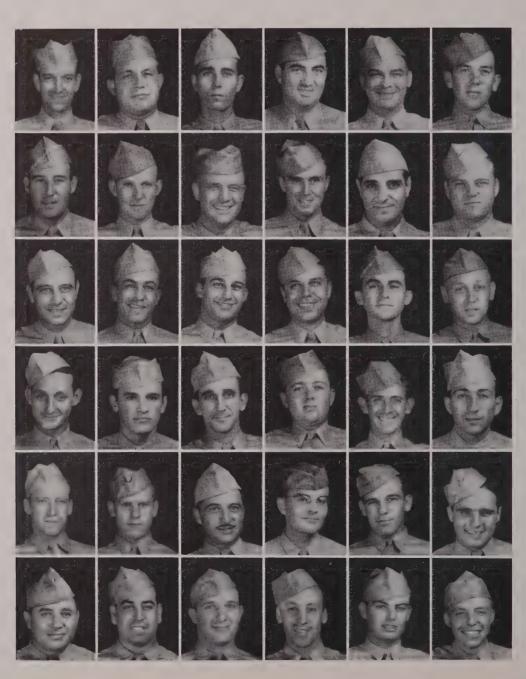


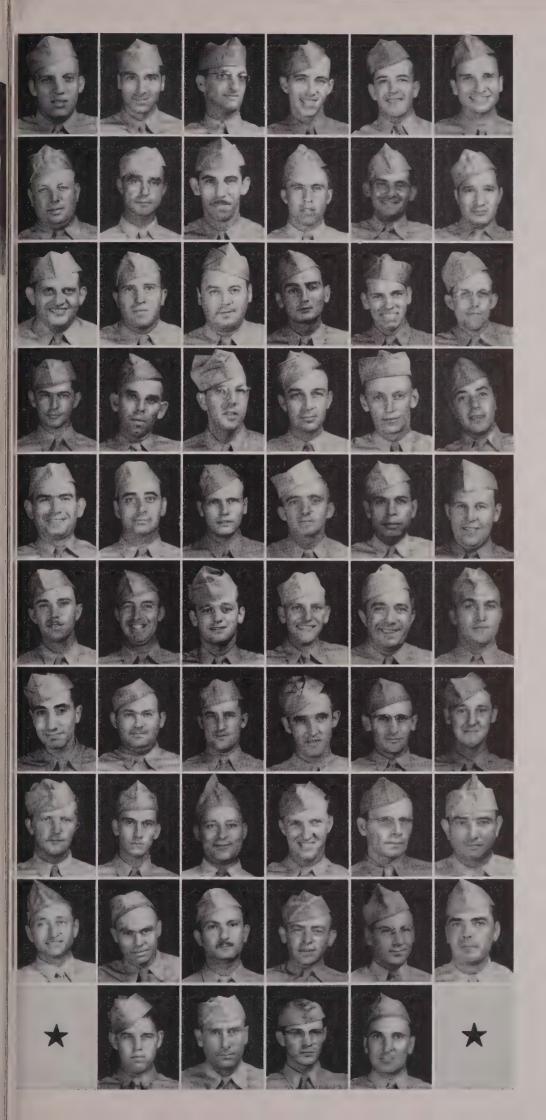
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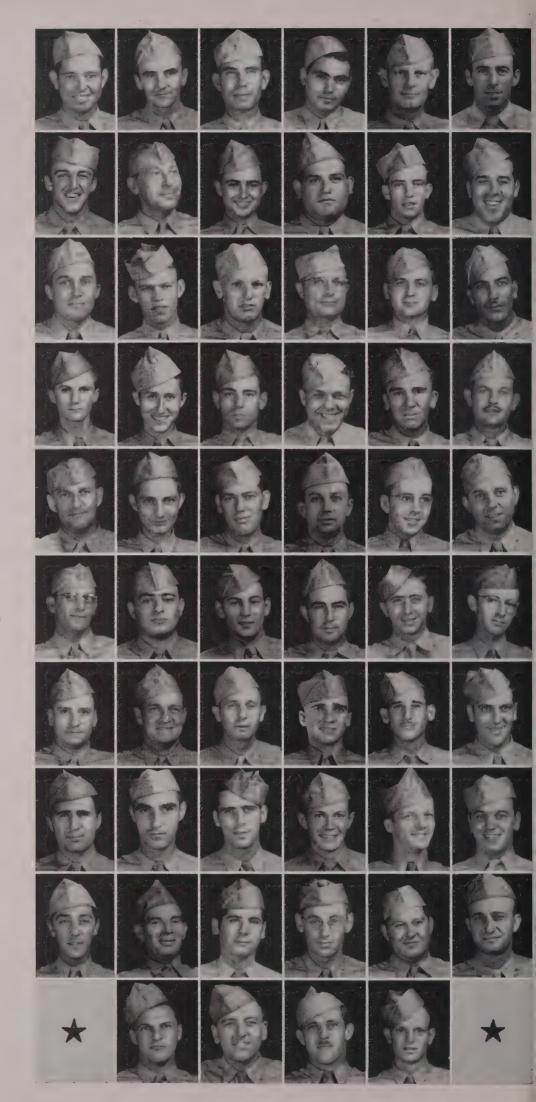






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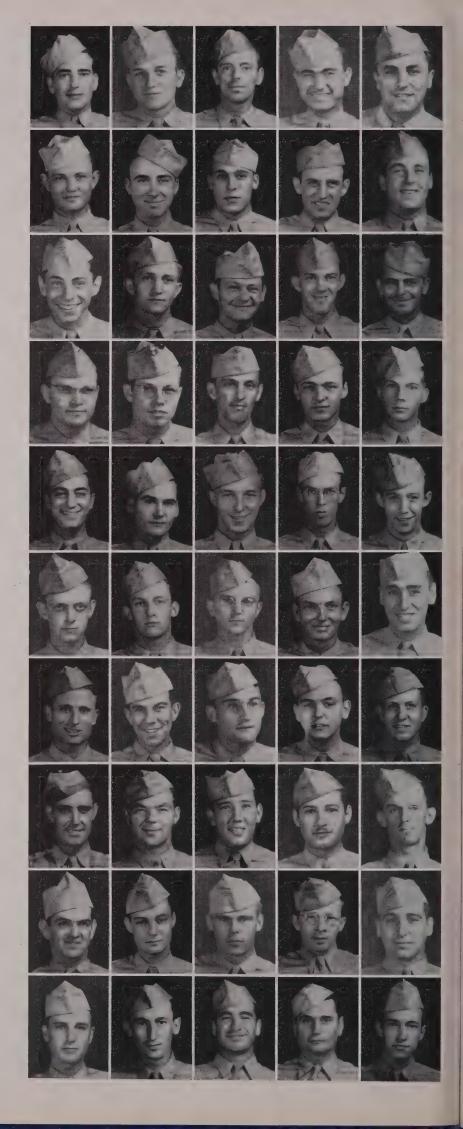




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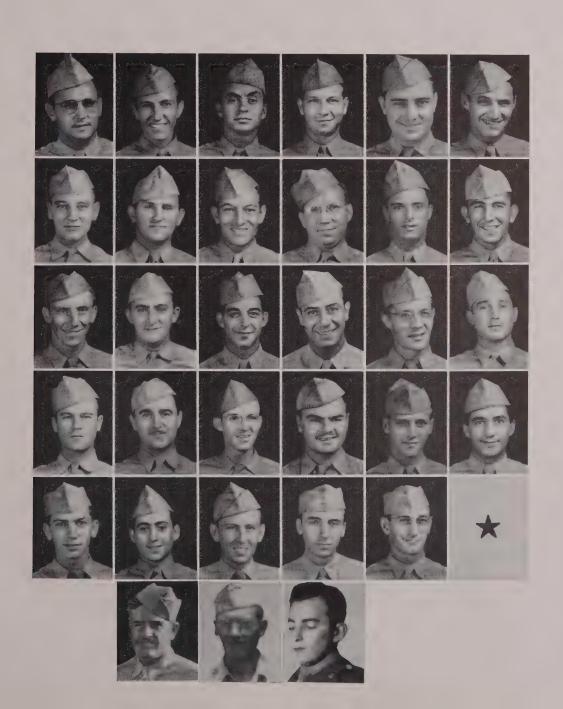


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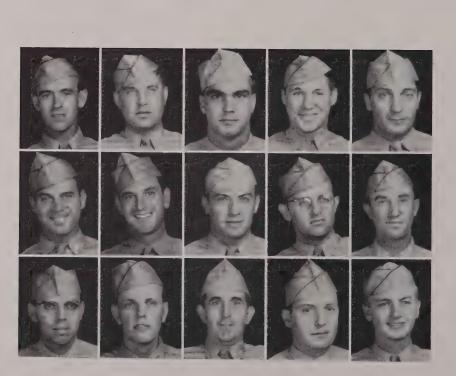


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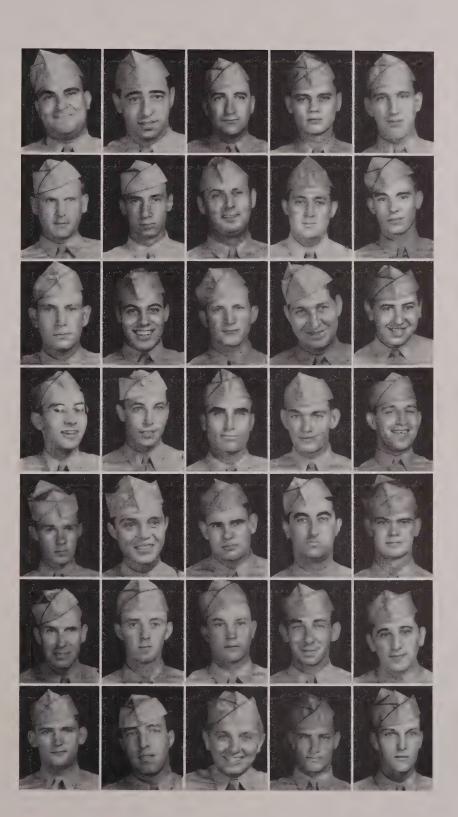




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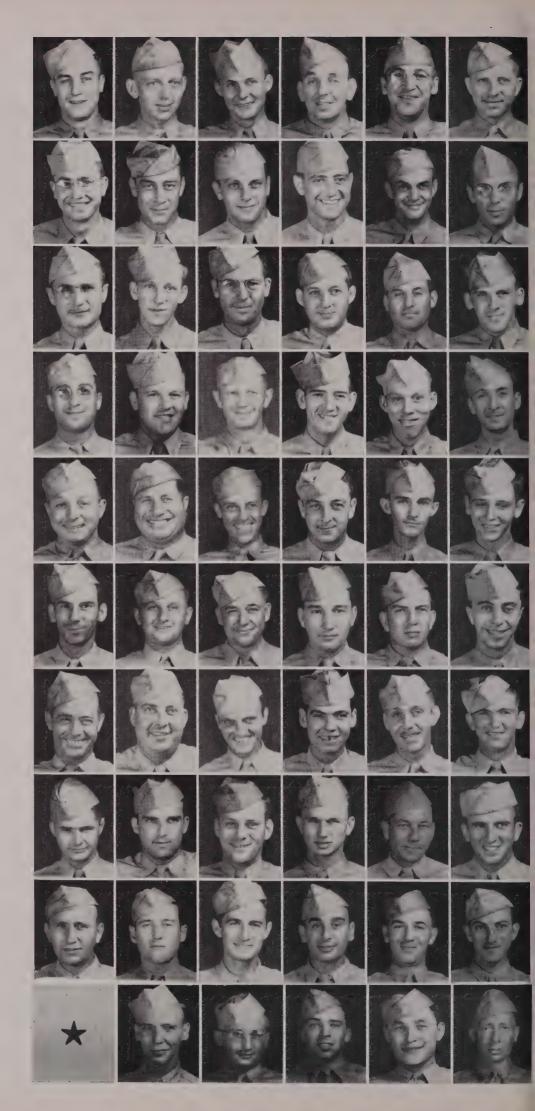
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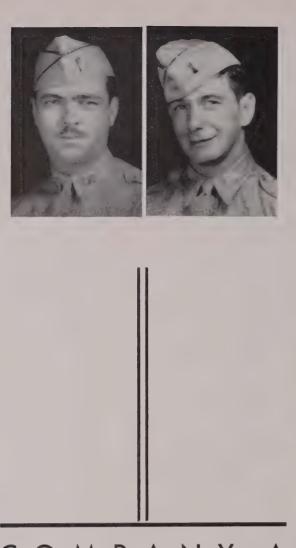


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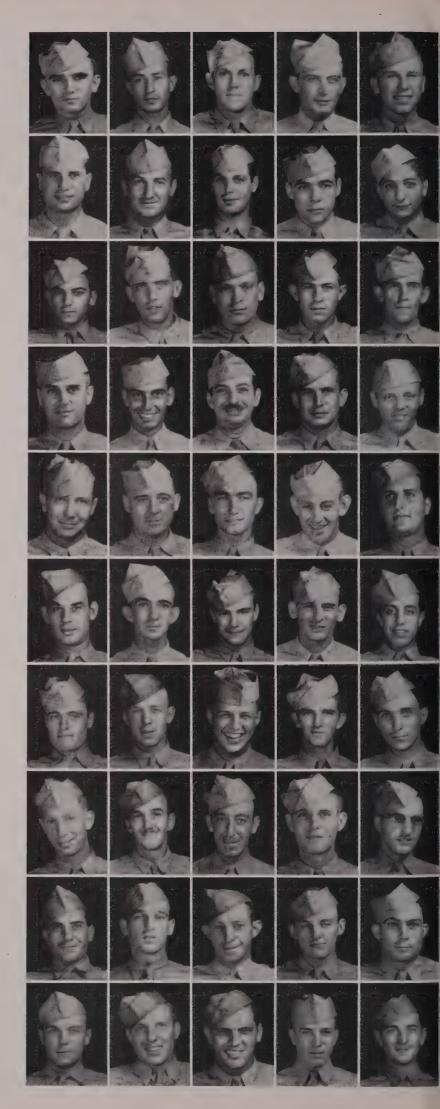
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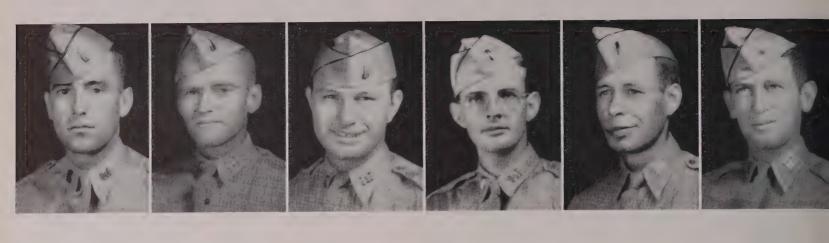


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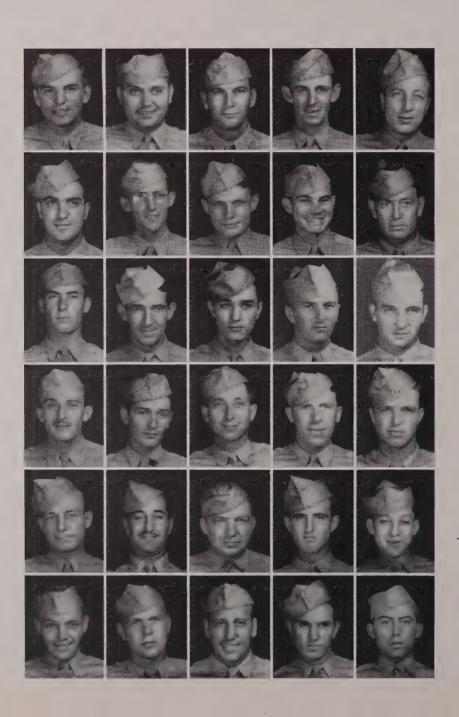




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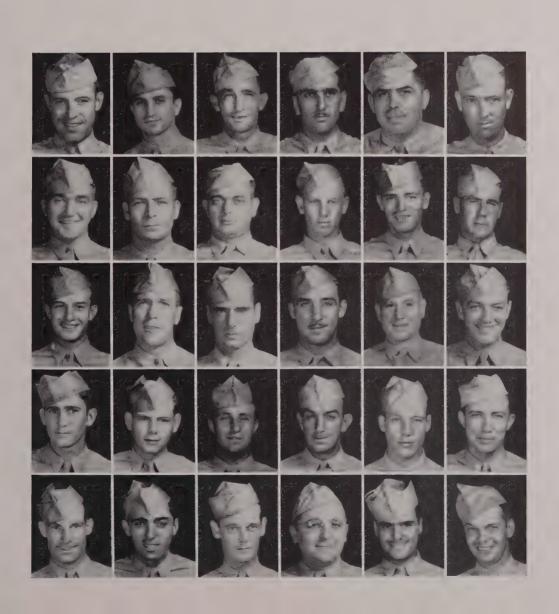
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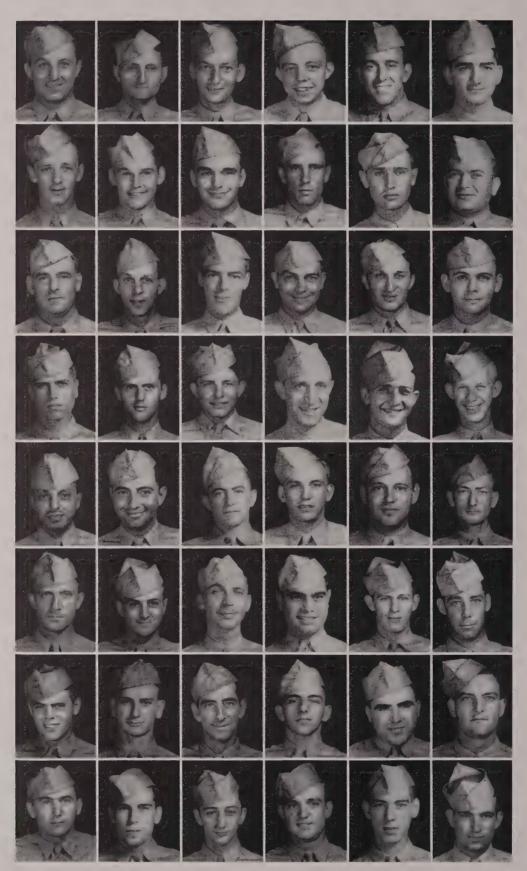
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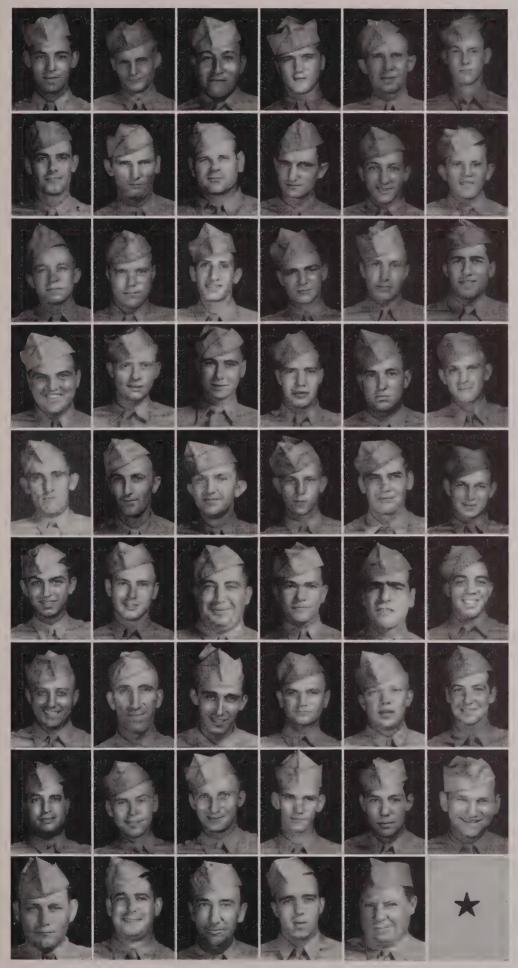




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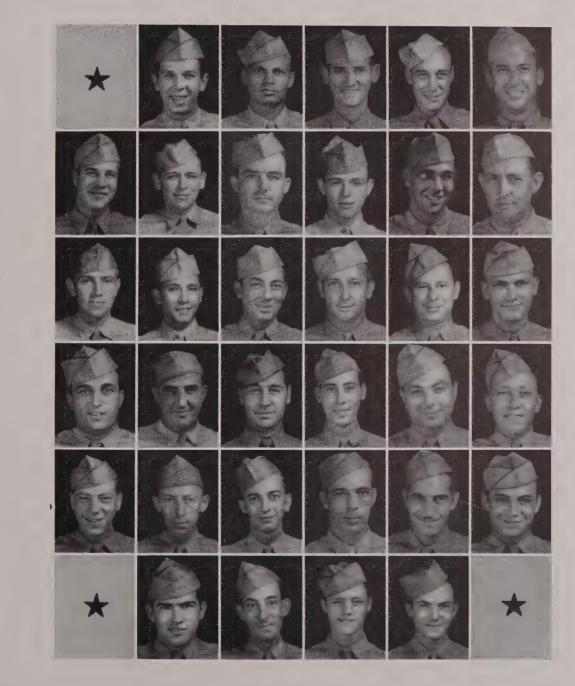






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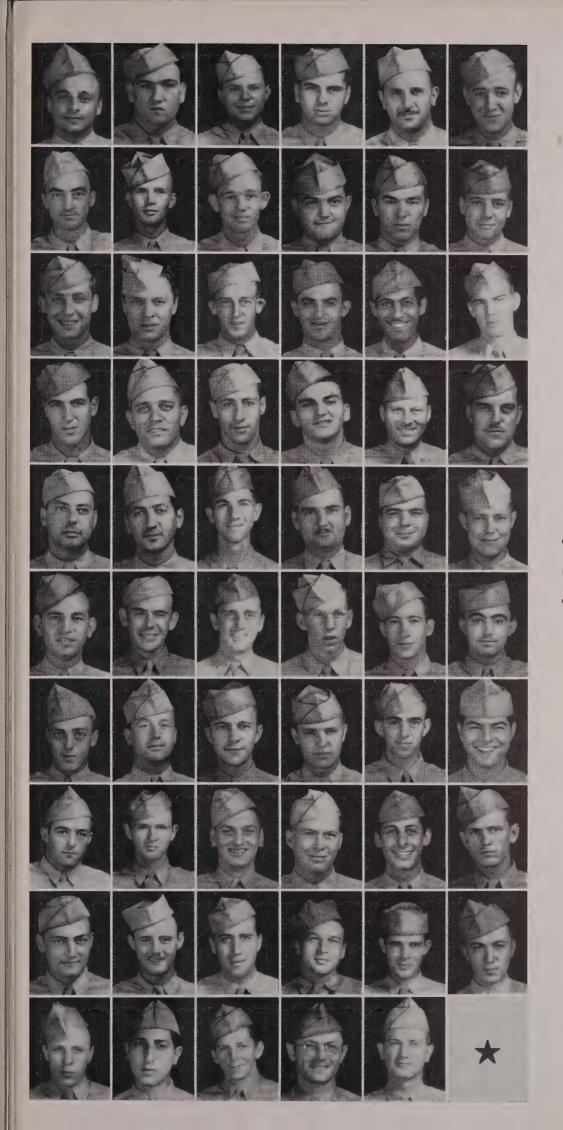


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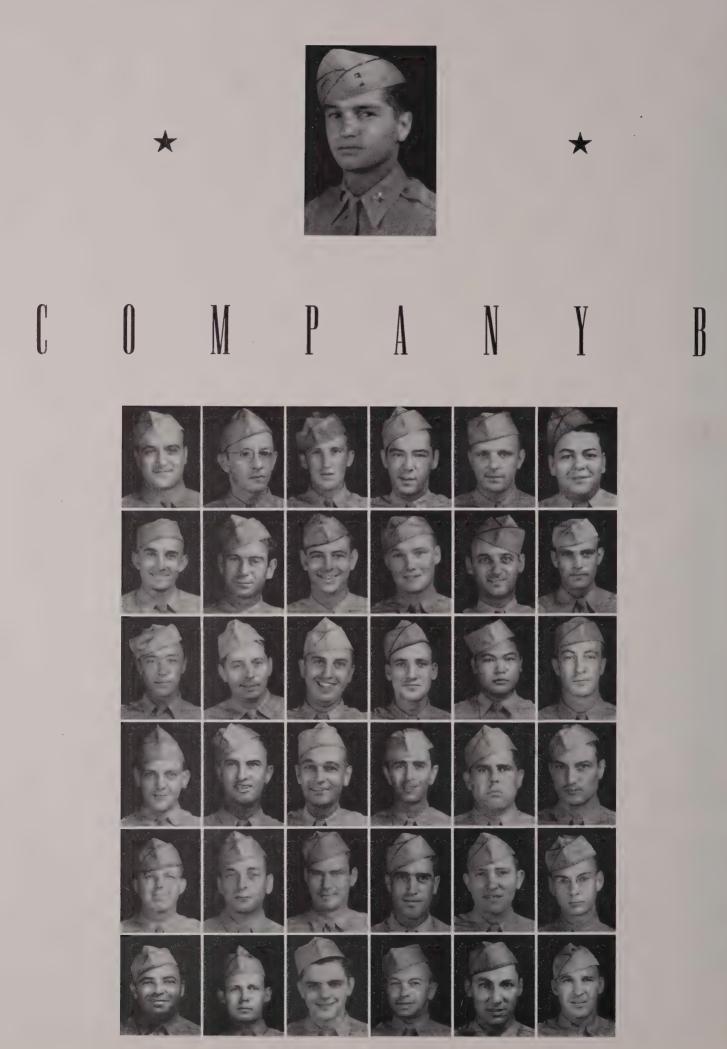
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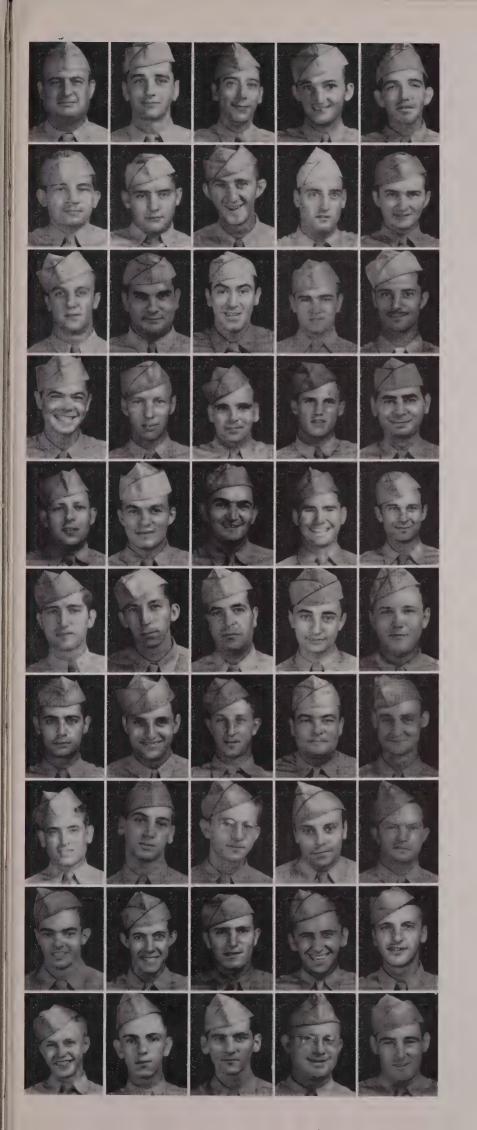






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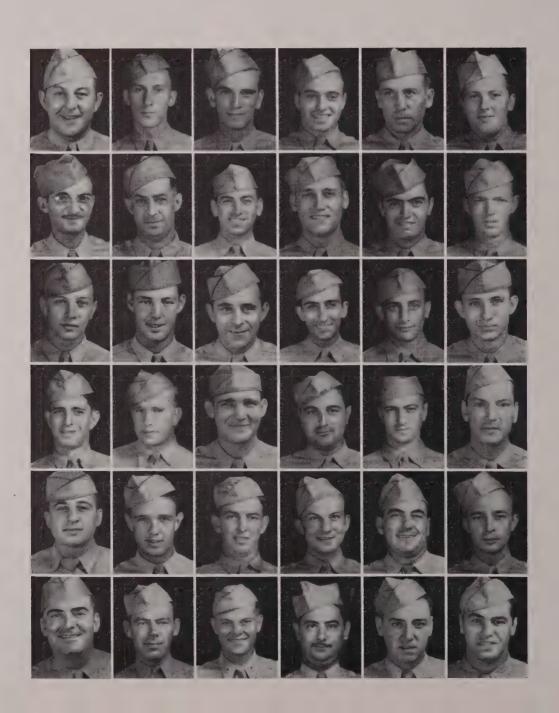


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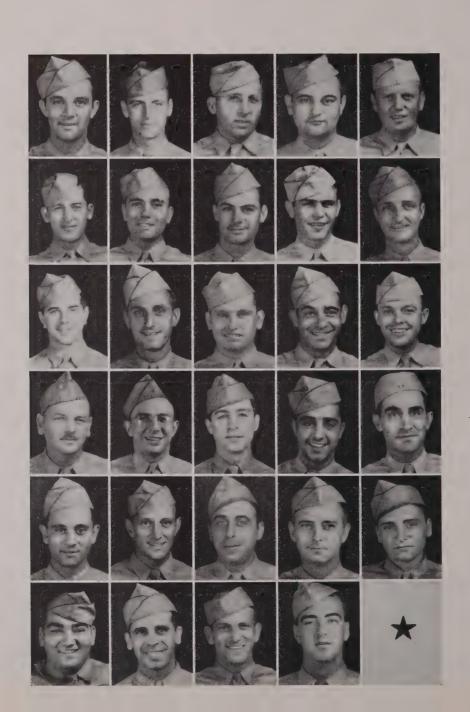
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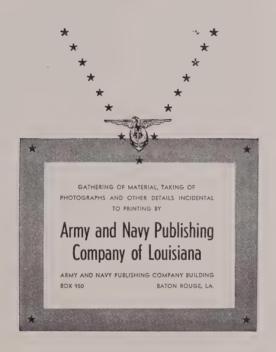


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